

Plant Resources

August Lawn & Garden Calendar

Perennials, Ornamental Grasses, & Groundcovers	
Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue planting.
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dig and divide spring blooming perennials, but avoid doing it on very hot days.• Deadhead plants to extend bloom times, especially daylilies.
Watering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• During the heat of summer, keep an eye on drooping plants. New plants will need plenty of water. Established plants will need about 1" of water per week. Sometimes more if it is very hot and dry. Try to water more thoroughly, but less frequently to help establish deep roots. Water your gardens early in the day.
Fertilizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not fertilize.

Trees	
Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue planting trees.
Watering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• August is usually the driest month, so be prepared to water all trees, especially newly planted ones. In drought conditions, new trees will need a deep watering about once or twice a week.
Fertilizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not fertilize.
Pests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to watch for pests and treat accordingly.
Pruning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid pruning if possible.

Shrubs	
Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue planting.
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mulch the base of new plants to keep moisture in.
Watering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor for water needs. Water shrubs when you can tell they are stressed. • Water thoroughly and less frequently.
Fertilizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not fertilize.
Pests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to monitor and control insects.

Roses	
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to deadhead. • Roses make great cut flowers!
Watering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to water as needed. Even though it is hot and dry, roses still will only need 1" of water per week. • Try to water more thoroughly and less frequently to help establish roots.
Fertilizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No need to fertilize.
Pests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to monitor and control pests and diseases.

Lawns	
Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The end of August is a great time to put seed down. You can overseed thin lawns now with temperatures cooling and warm soil making a perfect environment for the germination of seeds. • It is also a good time to lay sod.
Fertilizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No need to fertilize this month.
Watering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember to keep freshly seeded and sodded areas moist. • Continue to water the lawn as needed.

Herbs & Vegetables	
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check leaves and fruit of tomatoes for yellowing, brown spots, and end rot. You may need to apply a fungicide. • The blackened need of the fruit (blossom end rot) can be treated by keeping the moisture level in the soil consistently moist.
Harvesting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harvest herbs as desired. • Harvest cucumbers depending on usage. • Pick squash when 6-10" long. • Dig onions when the tops fall over and dry. • Harvest potatoes as tops die and tubers reach full size. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick tomatoes when fully colored. • Pick peppers when completely firm and colored.
Watering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to water. The weather could be hot and dry, so check a few times a week.
Harvesting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin to harvest green onions, leaf lettuce, and spinach. • Stop harvesting rhubarb after 8-10 weeks. Stop harvesting asparagus after 6-8 weeks. Allow leaves to develop to help replenish energy supplies and keep the plant productive.
Pests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch for aphids and leafhoppers. Use an insecticidal soap to treat these. Keep an eye out for other pests.

Annuals	
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stake plants that begin to get tall and floppy. • Continue to deadhead. Also pinch back leggy plants to encourage branching and more flowering.
Watering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep an eye on water needs. With higher temps, you may need to give your plants more than 1" of water per week.
Fertilizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you used a slow-release fertilizer when planting, you do not need to use anything this month. If you did not, fertilize with a low-nitrogen, quick-release fertilizer. Avoid fertilizing when it is very hot.
Pests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to monitor for pests.

Fruits	
Harvesting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to harvest ripe fruit. Blueberries, elderberries, early season apples and pears will be ripening this month.
Watering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to water as needed.
Pests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to monitor for pests. Pay attention to the labels on all insecticides when using fruit.

Bulbs	
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep the garden weed-free. This will make it easier next spring.
Watering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to water. This month may be hot and dry, so lants may need more than 1" of water because of that.
Pests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep monitoring for pest problems.



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