

# July Gardening Calendar

## FERTILIZING

- Continue side-dressing your garden vegetables.
- July is the month we recommend giving landscape plants a second (last) feeding of fertilizer.

## PLANTING

- You can begin your fall vegetable garden this month. Plant beans, carrots, Brussels sprouts, and tomatoes.
- Start broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower plants in pots to transplant into the vegetable garden next month.
- Begin repotting overgrown houseplants.

## PRUNING

- Pinch your chrysanthemums the first week only!
- Do NOT prune spring flowering shrubs now.
- Remove faded flowers on flowering perennials to encourage a second flowering.
- Prune the fruiting canes of raspberry and blackberry plants to ground level after harvest is over.

## SPRAYING

- Monitor arborvitae and cypress for bagworm and azalea and pyracantha for lace bug and spray if necessary.
- Spray for Japanese beetles as needed.
- Continue with fruit tree, grape, and rose spray programs.
- Spray the following vegetables if insects are observed: cucumber (cucumber beetle), squash (aphids, squash bug), tomato and eggplant (flea beetle).

## LAWN CARE

- Remember to change direction when mowing your lawn. Travel north to south on one mowing and east to west on the next cutting.
- Continue feeding your zoysia lawn with fertilizer. Do NOT fertilize tall fescue or bluegrass this month.
- Maintain 3" mowing height.

## PROPAGATION

- This month is still a great time to take semi-hardwood cuttings such as azaleas, holly, and rhododendron.
- July is an ideal time to divide and transplant your iris and daylilies.

## SPECIFIC CHORES

Blossom-end rot may be seen on tomatoes this month. Two factors - too little water and not enough calcium in the soil - may be the reason.

*Plan a stroll through the  
Nash County Arboretum  
located at  
1006 Eastern Avenue in Nashville.  
The beautiful arboretum gardens  
are maintained by the  
Nash County Master Gardener Volunteers.*