

Lawn & Garden JULY To Do List



TREES AND SHRUBS

- Stop fertilizing trees and shrubs, but continue planting them and water well.
- Prune dead and damaged branches; remove suckers.
- Stop pruning flowering shrubs until spring; trim non-blooming hedges.
- Deadhead roses; apply chelated iron to deficient plants.
- Avoid disturbing shallow plants' roots; take softwood cuttings of shrubs; and water trees infrequently, but deeply.

LAWNS

- Mow at the highest setting (3-4 inches for cool-season grasses, 2-3 inches for warm-season grasses).
- Plant warm-season grasses, give your lawn 1 inch of water per week, and mulch your grass clippings.

PERENNIALS AND BULBS

- Shear chrysanthemums and asters until mid-month; lightly trim bushy or leggy perennials.
- Stop deadheading perennials if you want seeds.
- Divide and transplant Oriental poppies.

ANNUALS AND CONTAINERS

- Water containers daily; add a balanced fertilizer every few weeks.
- Deadhead faded blossoms for more blooms; pinch back leggy stems to encourage branching.
- Start seeds for pansies and other winter annuals.

CLEAN-UP AND MAINTENANCE

- Work outdoors in the cool of morning and pull blooming weeds.
- Reduce fertilizing, add extra mulch to keep plant roots cool, and water plants deeply at the root zone.

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