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# AUGUST

## Gardening Tips

### PLANNING

- Take pictures of your container gardens or hanging baskets – this is a good way to keep track on what worked and what did not.
- Take monthly pictures of your landscape. This will help with future planning.
- Keep a garden journal - note what looks good, what needs to be edited.
- Visit the nursery and see what looks good and needs to be added to your landscape
- Start planning for your fall vegetable garden

### PREP

- If your tomatoes have not set fruit – apply Bonide Tomato Set
- Stake your taller growing perennials and bulbs: Dahlias, Delphiniums, and Peonies etc.
- Harvest herbs just before flowering.

### PLANTING

- When planting in the heat be sure to apply Bonide Root n Grow once a week for 2 to 3 weeks to help with transplant shock
- Replenish tired looking baskets and containers
- Blueberries are fruiting now, come in and taste
- Plant Arugula, Carrots, Corn Salad, Endive, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Onion Seed, Peas/ Fava, Radishes, Spinach, Turnips now for a great fall and winter crop
- Trees & shrub - visit the nursery; see what beautiful blooming trees or shrubs would enhance your landscape – just keep in mind they will need to be watered deeply 2 to 3 times a week depending on soil type.

### PRUNE

- Summer blooming flowers after they are done - only if needed
- Remove water sprouts from fruit trees & trees
- Keep Strawberry runners in check
- Cut down Raspberry canes that have produced: note do not cut down canes of the Everbearing Raspberries.

### FERTILIZE

- Heavy blooming annuals with Tsugawa 20-20-20 fertilizer
- Important to fertilize roses as they are heavy feeders
- Feed your Fuchsias once a week with Tsugawa Bud N Bloom fertilizer

### COMPOST/MULCH

- Replenish mulches – helps with weed control and moisture control

### DIVIDING/THINNING

- Bearded iris

### APPLY

- Apply Seaweed Extract foliar spray to Potatoes, Tomatoes, Peppers and any struggling (stressed) plants due to our “Beautiful” (said with tongue in cheek) weather.
- Apply Bonide Tomato Set if your tomatoes have not set fruit

### WATERING

- Make sure to keep up the watering. Water in the morning; water deeply, water 2 to 3 times a week depending on your soil.
- Check plants under eaves and under tall evergreens, make sure they are getting adequate water
- Make sure to keep watering your spring blooming plants through out the summer to ensure good flower bud set for next year

## DEAD HEAD

- Roses, Butterfly bushes and Spiraea – this helps for re-blooming
- Dead head annuals to keep them blooming
- Deadhead perennials such as Delphiniums, Salvias, catmint to promote more flowering
- Deadhead hanging baskets

## CLEANUP

- Weed control is important. It helps conserve moisture, conserves nutrients in the soil, and helps prevent spread of diseases and insects.

## PROTECT

- Monitor your plants for insect and disease problems. It is best to get a handle on problems before they spread.
- Use netting on cherries, strawberries & blueberries
- Keep monitoring for Slugs and Snails
- Apply Mole Max to deter Moles or Bonide Gel Bait to “Kill” them.
- Spraying continues on fruit trees as needed
- Your Roses & Peonies with Bonide Infuse
- Protect your cauliflower, cabbage, beans and lettuce from cabbage worms - Use Captain Jack's Dead Bug Brew
- Monitor for root weevil on Rhododendrons, David Viburnum & Azaleas (notching of foliage)
- Monitor for Aphids - Use Bonide RX3
- Your Geraniums & Petunias from budworm be sure to have Capt Jacks Dead Bug Brew on hand
- Apply Blossom End Rot Stop to your tomatoes to help prevent blossom end rot

## LAWN

- Mow
- Water your lawn 1” per week
- Watch for red thread – apply Infuse as needed
- You have a couple of choices for your lawn at this time: water or let go dormant. You know when your lawn is dormant when it turns brown.

## BIRD

- Fill bird feeders
- Put out new feeders

## WATERGARDEN

- Now is a great time to install a water garden nothing is more soothing than or as beautiful as running water.
- Monitor & control Algae - remember the 4 “Its” of Algae control
  1. Kill “IT” - apply Pond care Algaefix: kills string algae, slime coat algae, green water algae
  2. Sink “IT” - we recommend Pond Care Accu-clear - the bottle of instant gratification. This will help clear the water
  3. Eat “IT” - Apply Microbe-Lift PL this is a beneficial bacteria that helps break down organic matter.
  4. Starve “IT” - add plants to your pond or water feature. Plants help to remove nutrients from the water so the algae can not use the nutrients to grow on.
    - Feed! Feed! Feed your water plants once a month. Your lilies will reward you with beautiful blooms
    - Repot water plants if needed. Be sure to use Aquatic Soil and pond plant baskets
    - Feed your fish Hai Feng Quick Grow Fish Food to promote growth or Bright Color for color enhancement. Better yet mix the two: ½ Quick grow & ½ Bright colors for the best of both worlds.
    - Monitor your fish for signs of problems: missing scales, bumps or open wounds. Treat if needed with Microbe Lift Broad Spectrum Disease Treatment or Minnfin Max. Then follow up in the summer with Pond Care Melafix & Pimafix.
    - Watch your fish for spawning. If they start spawning keep an eye on your ammonia level by testing the water and treat if necessary.
    - Be sure to dead head and groom your water plants this will prevent algae and/or cloudy water