

AUGUST GARDENING

Plant Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For me it's a good time to just maintain my gardens and get them ready for fall color. But if you can take the heat there is a few things you can do . If you have fall perennials that are leggy you can cut them back about $\frac{1}{4}$ to promote a more compact growth. You can plant zinnias, purslane, and other color annuals and perennials but be prepared to water almost daily till established.
Plant Veggies	<p>Time to plant your fall garden.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transplant: Peppers, Tomatoes, Eggplant, etc. (Word of caution: shade your newly planted veggies until established.) Seeds – Cucumber, Bush Beans, Okra, Pumpkin, Squash, etc.
Plant Herbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basil, Lavender, Mints, Thyme , etc. If your Herbs are looking weary you can cut them back $\frac{1}{3}$ and fertilize lightly to promote new growth.
Roses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For fall blooms prune toward late August thru early September, no more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the bush. Then fertilize, water, and mulch .
Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pear -harvest fruit towards the end of August into September. Keep all fruit trees watered to ensure fruit for next years harvest.
Weeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early morning is best. Keep hydrated and wear your hat and sunscreen.
Mulch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 inches or more as needed
Prune	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crepe Myrtle - suckers at the base of plant only. You may deadhead seed if you want to keep blooming longer.
Fertilize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water soluble for hanging baskets and pots.

Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early morning hours are best in our summer heat. • Water Hanging Baskets daily
Pest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's best to hand pick bugs in your flower and vegetable garden in the early morning or spray as needed with a insecticidal soap.
Birds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Its time for HUMMINGBIRDS to migrate back thru, so put out your Feeders if you haven't already. • Keep fresh water in birdbaths • Clean and fill feeders.
Butterflies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch for the MONARCH BUTTERFLIES, they begin arriving late August.
Other Critters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep a fresh source of water placed on the ground to drink from.

Note:

For our tiny Jewels:

Hummingbird Food Recipe:

4 parts water to 1 part sugar

Bring water to boil remove from heat

Add sugar, stir, cool, serve .

Store in airtight container in fridge.

Happy Gardening!