


Gardening Checklist

July/August

-  Apply extra waterings to newly planted plants or to those particularly susceptible to heat stress.
-  Watch for insect damage throughout your garden. At the first sight of damage, collect a sample and bring it in a sealed bag for analysis. We will suggest options to best suit your needs.
-  For larger sized fruit on your fruit trees, thin out the young fruits by removing one or two that are growing in multiples on each branch.
-  Apply fertilizer using a Ross Root Feeder system to get the nutrients down to the growing root zone of your trees and shrubs.
-  Deadhead throughout the season to keep your plants beautiful and inviting for butterflies, bees, hummingbirds and beneficial insects. This may also encourage another round of blooms!
-  Deadhead your roses as necessary. Prune back to a leaf bract with 5 or more leaves.
-  Harvest, mulch and fertilize those veggies and herbs! Then harvest, mulch and fertilize more! Share extras with neighbors or use for composting.
-  When cooking with herbs, 1 Tablespoon of fresh herbs is roughly equivalent to 1 teaspoon dried.
-  Watering, fertilizing plus deadheading will encourage your annuals to bloom and flourish for your enjoyment. Don't be afraid to cut your annuals back for another August growth spurt and some fall color.
-  Conserve water and avoid evaporation by watering in the early morning or late evenings.

