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# August Gardening Calendar

## Approximate dates and gardening activities:

- August 1 - This is the peak vegetable harvest season. Make sure to keep picking that summer squash so it doesn't stop producing.
- August 3 - Watermelon Day! Do you know what goes well with watermelon? Herbs! - Try it with Mint or Basil.
- August 6 - Check your drip irrigation sprinklers to make sure plants are getting adequate deep water. Drip irrigation emitters typically emit less water than pop up sprinklers and often need to run for a longer duration.
- August 10 - Apply a thick layer of mulch around plants to help with moisture retention late summer's heat.
- August 14 - If you are making sauces get your Jars and supplies ready.
- August 16 - Cucumber beetles that look like evil green ladybugs make holes in your squash and green bean leaves. Do preventive spraying with Captain Jacks Dead Bug (active ingredient Spinosad).
- August 19 - Do a final feeding of your camellias with Azalea Camellia Gardenia food. They can start setting flower buds as early as September.
- August 20 - Keep checking irrigation for leaks or critters chewing on it for moisture.
- August 22 - It's eat a peach day! Well of course it is.
- August 26 - Outdoor dining is no fun with Yellow Jackets. Use the yellow jacket traps 10 feet away from where you want to be. Remember the traps have an attractant and you don't want them coming to you!
- August 27 - Water properly by watering slowly and deep. Ensure the water is soaking deep into the soil to avoid shallow watering. Frequent shallow watering can use more water and cause plant stress. Watering deep helps promote deeper root systems and can help plants be more drought tolerant.
- August 29 - Check your lawn sprinklers for coverage. Make sure it is getting where you intend it to go by using cups spaced out at three-foot intervals.
- August 31 - Summer pruning of fruit trees to help control size.