



July Gardening Calendar

Approximate dates and gardening activities:

Early July:

- **Fertilizing for Summer Blooms:** If it's not too hot, you can fertilize your plants to encourage summer blooms.
- **Watering:** Water early in the day to reduce evaporation and prevent fungal diseases. Ensure plants receive deep, infrequent watering to encourage deep root growth.
- **July 4th Recipes:** Check out these fun recipes for your Fourth of July holiday: "Garden Recipes for A Great Fourth of July" and "Red, White & Blueberry: Patriotic Recipes from the Garden."
- **Irrigation Check:** Double-check that all irrigation systems are working properly. Earwigs like to hide in emitters and 1/4" tubing to stay cool and moist.
- **Mulching:** Apply mulch around your plants, trees, and shrubs to keep them cool and help retain moisture during the summer heat.

Mid-July:

- **Watering Schedule:** Reassess your watering schedule. Plants prefer deep soaks less often. Water in the early morning to conserve water.
- **Soil Moisture in Containers:** Check soil moisture regularly in containers, as they dry out faster than garden beds.
- **Pest Monitoring:** Regularly check for pests like aphids, spider mites, and caterpillars. Neem oil is recommended for pest control.
- **Disease Prevention:** Remove any diseased leaves or plants to prevent the spread of diseases.
- **Weeding:** Keep up with weeding to reduce competition for water and nutrients.

Late-July:

- **Thrips on Roses:** With warmer weather, thrips are more common on roses. Use Captain Jack's Deadbug Brew to manage them.
- **Fruit Harvesting:** Start checking for ripe fruit and harvest zucchini when they are 6 to 8 inches long.
- **Pruning:** Trim back any overgrown or leggy plants to maintain shape and encourage new growth.
- **Heat-Tolerant Plants:** Plant heat-tolerant and drought-resistant plants to ensure your garden remains resilient during the hot summer months.