

JULY

1. Plant crape myrtles now, to choose exactly the shade you want.
2. Plant warm season grasses, by sod or hydromulching. Water lightly at least twice a day to keep soil surface from drying before grass can root deeply.
3. Finish planting fall tomatoes and pumpkins early in the month. Plant peppers mid-month.
4. Plant fall annual color including zinnias, cosmos, marigolds, celosia, copper plants, firebush, Joseph's Coat.
5. Install a water garden in a sunny location in your landscape.
6. Prune summer flowering perennials, to remove old flowers and seed heads.
7. Prune roses slightly, crape myrtles and shape new growth of shrubs and vines.
8. Remove lower limbs of trees that are casting excessive shade or that have become hazardous.
9. Pinch out growing tips of mums one more time before allowing plants to set buds late in the summer.
10. Fertilize turf every 8 to 12 weeks, with quality slow release 3-1-2 ratio plant food.
11. Fertilize annual flower beds with the same 3-1-2 ratio plant food. Fertilize once per month. Water immediately after applying.
12. Fertilize roses monthly with specialty rose food.
13. Fertilize iron-deficient plants with iron/sulfur additive.
14. Fertilize container plants with complete and balanced water-soluble material with each watering.
15. Check mower blades for sharpness.
16. Purchase a hammock and enjoy the stars and cool night air.