



Monthly Garden Tips - August

Bugs – Bait for those pesky slugs and snails, use Sluggo. Spider mites like the heat and are active, use Neem Oil Concentrate.

Bulbs – Get ready for fall bulb planting season. We will have select varieties of daffodils and tulips next month.

Harvest- Herbs in the morning for stronger flavor. Some late bearing blueberries should be ready. Interlaken table grapes will be ready late this month. Some ever-bearing blackberries second crop may be ready late in the month into the fall.

Planting – You can still plant perennials especially the late summer fall bloomers like Echinacea, Rudbeckia, and Coreopsis. The one-gallon size is a good size to plant this late in the season. Plant those winter cover crops in those vacant vegetable garden spaces.

Lawns- Time to prepare for overseeding and planting new lawns. You want to use the last weeks of August to prepare so you can get the seed down in September.

Pruning – Get a second round of blooms from those annuals. Shear back the old blooms and give them a jolt of high bloom fertilizer. This works for cosmos, zinnias, petunias, impatiens, marigolds and fibrous begonias. Deadhead those perennials to keep the blooms going. Remove old canes that bore fruit in June on your cane berries. Remove the half of the cane that already produced fruit on everbearing cane berries.

Veggies – You will want to get seed in the ground in mid to late August to have time for that fall harvest. Young plants started this month grow fast in the warm days of summer then produce their crops in during the cooler days of fall. Planting now you can avoid problems of spring planting. Broccoli and kale, and cauliflower rarely bolt because of the cooler days of fall. We will have these starts in the second week of August.

Seed: Early in the month sow beets, loose leaf lettuce, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, endive, spinach, kale, kohlrabi, onions, parsnips, radishes and turnips. Spinach and endive can be sown all month. ^h After the 15th sow overwintered bulb onions.

Starts: Plant after the 15th for fall harvest, plant lettuce starts, snow peas, cauliflower, and broccoli. Also plant those overwintering onions in mid-August. Kale, Collards, Mesclun Greens and spinach can go in early September.