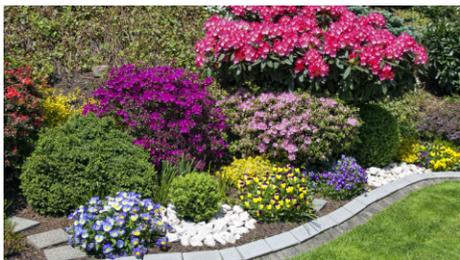


Ask an Expert – August Yard and Garden Checklist

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The heat is on, and yards and gardens are trying to keep up with high temperatures and drought conditions. Consider these tips from the [USU Extension Gardeners Almanac](#) to help your garden succeed this month. Also included are links for further information.

- Beginning in early August, plant selected [cool season](#) vegetables for a fall harvest.
- Deadhead (cut off) spent blossoms of perennial and annual flowers.
- [Deep water](#) established trees and shrubs about once per month during the heat of summer.
- With limited water due to the drought, turfgrass should be the last priority for watering. Priorities include (in order of importance) trees, bushes, perennials, annuals and turfgrass. [Click here](#) for more information. [Click here](#) to learn about irrigation needs in your area.

Pests and Problems:

- Check under leaves of pumpkins, melons and squash plants for [squash bugs](#).
- Watch for [mosaic virus](#) in vine crops, and remove infected plants to reduce the spread.
- Watch for holes from tobacco budworm feeding in the leaves of petunias, nicotiana, geraniums and other annual flowers.
- Protect black locust trees (not honey locust) with a registered chemical to prevent [locust borer](#) damage.
- Control [codling moth](#) in apples and pears to reduce wormy fruit. For specific timing, see our [Utah Pests Advisories](#).
- Control for [walnut husk fly](#) in walnuts, peaches and apricots between August 1 and 15.
- Learn how to identify a [hobo spider](#).

- Control [European paper wasp](#) with traps this time of year.
- Monitor for damaging [turfgrass insects](#).

To see a video on gardening tips for August, [click here](#). To learn more gardening tips and tricks, visit [garden.usu.edu](#). For drought information, visit [drought.usu.edu](#).