

July

- Start enjoying [tomato](#) the harvest
- Side dress (fertilize) [potatoes in the garden](#) with nitrogen in early July
- Harvest [summer squash](#) and zucchini when they are still small and tender
- [Deep water](#) established trees and shrubs about once per month during the heat of summer
- Deadhead (cut off) spent blossoms of perennial and annual flowers
- Divide crowded iris or daylilies once they have finished blooming
- Visit alpine areas for [wildflower](#) displays
- Remove water sprouts (vertical shoots in the canopy) of [fruit trees](#) to discourage regrowth and reduce shading
- Renovate [perennial strawberry](#) beds by tearing out old crowns (mother plants) and applying fertilizer to stimulate new runners
- Turfgrass only needs 1 ½-2 inches of irrigation per week. [Click here](#) for irrigation needs in your area

Pests and Problems

- If tomatoes are not producing, one common reason could be due to hot weather (95°F and above) which causes flower abortion
- [Blossom end rot](#) (black sunken areas on the end of tomatoes) is common and is caused by uneven watering
- Check under leaves of pumpkins, melons, and squash plants for [squash bugs](#)
- Treat for [Corn ear worm](#) when the corn's silk is approximately ½ long
- [Spider mites](#) prefer dry, hot weather and affect many plants. Treat for Spider mites by using "softer" solutions such as spraying them with a hard stream of water or by using an insecticidal soap
- Spider mites can be identified by shaking leaves over a white piece of paper. If the small specs move...mites
- [Control Codling](#) moth in apples and pears to reduce wormy fruit. For specific timing see our [Utah Pests Advisories](#)
- Historically, control of the [Greater Peach Tree borer](#) in peaches, nectarines and apricots occurs the first of July. However, for specific timing see our [Utah Pests Advisories](#)
- [Click here](#) for instruction on how to submit a sample to the Utah Plant Pest Diagnostic Lab (UPPDL)
- Watch for symptoms of [turfgrass diseases](#)
- Monitor for damaging [turfgrass insects](#)

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