



JULY GARDEN REMINDERS

Chores and Maintenance

- Mulch plants – especially if you are to be away
- Pinch back mums and other fall bloomers no later than July 4
- Cut back faded roses to a leaf with 3-5 leaflets to produce longer-stemmed roses
- Stake tall plants
- Prune climbing and/or rambling roses – after blooming
- Begin to cut off flower stalks of daylilies - after blooming
- Continue deadheading blossoms of perennials and annuals

Plant and/or Transplant

- Continue to plant container plants
- Sow biennials (foxglove, pansy, sweet William) flats for next season
- Use herbs for ornamental qualities in garden beds
- Do not plant bare root or balled and burlapped stock at this time

Fertilize

- Heavily flowering evergreens (azalea & rhododendron) with top dressing of oak leaf compost or cottonseed meal – after blooming
- Continue organic rose care monthly
- Mums with water-soluble fertilizer every 2-3 weeks until buds form
- Annual and container plants with 5-10-5
- Do not use lawn weed killer when temperature is over 75-80°

Pest Control

- Continue to check lawn for chinch bugs
- Check roses for black spots – remove leaves as they appear
- Use soapy solution for aphids, fungus, Jap. beetles, mildew