

August Yard and Garden Checklist



The heat is on, and yards and gardens are trying to keep up with the temperatures. Consider these tips from the USU Extension Gardeners Almanac to keep your garden thriving 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.
- Turfgrass only needs 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 inches of irrigation per week. [Click here for 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 historically is done between August 1 and 15.
- Learn how to identify a hobo spider.
- Controlling European paper wasp with traps is helpful this time of year.
- Monitor for damaging turfgrass insects.

To see a video on gardening tips for August, click here: <https://extension.usu.edu/yardandgarden/monthly-tips>.