

Vegetable Garden:

- Squash and zucchini seeds can be planted now. Planting these vegetables now will help avoid squash vine borers.
- Large green caterpillars found on tomato plants are tomato horn worms. One should remove these worms by hand. If the worms have white eggs sacs, do not destroy them. These sacs contain baby wasps. Allow the baby wasps inside the sacs to mature. The wasps will later control other horn worms.
- To control weeds and soil temperature around your tomatoes, mulch around the tomatoes with salt hay, straw, or *Sweet Peet*.
- If you want a September/October tomato harvest, this is the last week that tomatoes can be planted.
- Inspect tomato plants for spider mites. One can tell that spider mites are present because the leaves will turn light green to silver in color and will curl downwards. Apply two applications of *Pure Spray Green* ten days apart if spider mites are detected.

Lawn:

- Adult clinch bugs, sod webworms, and Japanese Beetles are depositing their eggs in soil on sunny lawns. To be free of grubs and webworms for the rest of this season, treat the lawn with *Green Light Grub Control with Arena*.
- If you use a sprinkler system, you have a higher chance of grub infestation.
- Nutsedge can be controlled without harming the lawn by applying *Halosulfuron Pro/SedgeHammer*.
- During the hot summer, to keep your lawn green, water your lawn one time every week with 1" of water. To know that your lawn is getting the correct amount of water, use a *Luster Leaf Rain Gauge*.

Flowers:

- Grandiflora petunias should be pruned after the 4th of July. Begin by removing 1/3 of the foliage. Then, feed with *Jack's Classic Petunia Feed*, and the petunias should bloom again in 10 days.
- Wave petunias do not need to be pruned; they only need to be fed.
- Dianthus should be deadheaded and fed with *plant trust*. This will help keep them blooming throughout the summer.
- Hollyhocks should be sprayed with *Bonide Mancozeb* to prevent rust from overtaking foliage later this month.
- Hanging baskets and potted plants that are outside will need to be watered daily during these hot summer days. If you are leaving town for the up coming holiday weekend, have someone water these plants daily or move them to a shaded area before leaving. If you are going out of town for a week and have no one to water the plants, then water with *Natural Industries Vacation*. This product will decrease the plants need for water for up to two weeks.
- If your flowers and perennials are properly fed, there is little chance they will develop disease.

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- To ensure your hardy mum bloom properly in the fall, then make your last summer pruning around approximately July 10th. Remember to feed your mums with [*Plant Trust Flower and Bulb Fertilizer*](#) now if not already done.
- When flowers have finished blooming on Trumpet, Tiger, Oriental, and Asian Lilies, cut only the flower and leave the stem intact with leaves. Feed lily plants with [*Plant Trust Flower and Bulb Fertilizer*](#). Only cut the stem after the entire lily has turned brown in the fall.