



AUGUST GARDENING TIPS

ANNUALS

-Marigolds, petunias and zinnias will produce blooms up until the 1st frost. Marigold seeds can be started in bright but shadier areas outside (protected from the hot afternoon sun). Started now, you should have them in time for Day of the Dead celebrations in November.

TURF

-Be on the watch for chinch bugs and gray leaf spot in the lawns right now. Chinch bugs present as browned patches that start in the sunniest areas of your lawn and move across lawn. Gray Leaf Spot fungus presents as and yellow wash across the turf and diamond shaped yellow-brown lesions on individual blades of grass. Come see us for the proper insecticide and fungicide products.

-Drought stress could also be showing up. Signs of thirst are light green, or blue-ish hues, wilting, blade curling, and footprint indentations. Brown spotting throughout the lawn can be a sign of prolonged drought. If you don't know what you have, take lots of pictures and bring in for a diagnosis.

TREES & SHRUBS (REPEAT OF LAST MONTH)

-Not a good time to plant these right now. hold off until fall for the absolute best time to plant trees and shrubs.

-Even established trees may need 'rescue-watering'. This is a slow soaking method to use when we have gone days and weeks during the heat, without sufficient rain. Use keyword 'rescue watering' in our search button on our website.

PERENNIALS

-If you haven't cut any of your perennials back by a 1/3. Do it within the 1st two weeks of this month. Offer them some 18-6-12 fertilizer (same stuff you'll use for your turf in October), and a good watering and they'll be ready for a gorgeous fall show.

-Stock up on pollinator plants for the pollinator migration that happens in October. Anything planted now, in the heat and drought, needs a crazy amount of attention to watering. You can also pot them up to the next size container and keep them protected until it cools.

VEGGIES AND HERBS

-Our 'second spring' starts this month. That means another round of warm weather veggies are hitting the nursery. Again, some extra watering and possibly even some shade cloth may be necessary to keep them alive if planting in this heat and drought. Put in a good word for some much needed fall rains!

-Tomato selections go fast when they are brought in for fall plantings. Search 'BBPP' on our website for our method of planting early fall tomatoes and keeping them alive.

-Retire your older basil to the pollinators and let it flower. It's a great fall nectar source for bees and small butterflies. Many of the basil plants that we planted in spring are starting to get woody, tasteless (bitter) and tired. Planting another round of basil is wise.

**BONUS BUCKS ARE REDEEMED THE ENTIRE MONTH OF AUGUST!
STOCK UP ON SUPPLIES FOR THE FALL GARDENING SEASON.**