



AUGUST GARDEN CHECKLIST

1. Water deeply in the early morning.
2. Check container plants daily—they dry out much faster than garden beds.
3. Add or refresh 2–3 inches of mulch around trees, shrubs, roses, and perennials.
4. Pull weeds before they set seed.
5. Deadhead roses, zinnias, cosmos, salvias, and other summer bloomers to encourage more flowers.
6. Feed roses and flowering annuals one last time this month if they are actively blooming.
7. Lightly prune peach and plum trees to encourage lower branching and improve sunlight and air circulation.
8. Remove dead, damaged, or diseased branches from trees and shrubs.
9. Watch for spider mites, aphids, whiteflies, and powdery mildew during hot weather.
10. Keep bird baths filled with fresh water and provide shallow water for pollinators.
11. Begin planning and shopping for cool-season flowers and vegetables.
12. Prepare planting beds by adding compost before fall planting begins.
13. Make notes about which plants thrived in the summer heat—and which you'd like to replace this fall.

Take photos of your garden now so you can compare its progress next season!



Looking Ahead to September

Plant cool-season annuals as temperatures begin to moderate.

Divide overcrowded perennials.

Overseed or renovate lawns if needed.

Begin planting fall vegetables such as broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, lettuce, spinach, and Swiss chard.

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