

Monthly Garden Tips

August Garden Tips

- Time to start thinking about annuals to add fall color in your garden. See ([Annuals for Fall Color](#))
- Continue to deadhead faded blooms to encourage new ones.
- Cut perennials to the ground that have spent flowers or have powdery/downy mildew. Examples: Bee Balm, Phlox, Gallardia, Obedient Plants. They won't bloom again but the foliage will come back more attractive. See ([Basic Perennial Garden Care](#))
- Reapply pre-emergent herbicide to mulched areas where weeds are excessive. DO NOT apply to annual beds. Now is the time to divide spring blooming perennials like Iris, Poppy.
- Late summer and fall are excellent times to plant trees.
- Watch for early signs of fall. Trees that color up early are in distress. Proper watering and care may help a stressed tree.
- Rake and destroy diseased leaves as they fall from the trees. This will reduce the source of infection for next season.
- Continue to watch for insect and disease problems. Continue to remove cankered and diseased branches as they are found. Prune 9 – 12 inches below the cankered areas of the branch. Be sure to disinfect tools with rubbing alcohol or a solution of one part bleach to nine parts water.
- A good time to begin re-seeding is towards the end of August as weather begins to cool.