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Late summer horticulture tips



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July is almost over, and with a new month comes some important things to do in the garden and around the home. Here is a small list of some things to do in July.

VEGETABLE GARDEN

- Make fall vegetable garden plantings in late July. Fact Sheet HLA-6009 gives planting recommendations.

LAWN

- Meet water requirements of turf grasses. One to 2 inches of water per week is required.

- Vegetative establishment of warm-season grasses should be completed by the end of July to ensure the least risk of winter kill.

- Mowing heights for cool-season turf grass should be at 3 inches during hot, dry summers months. Gradually raise mowing height of bermudagrass lawns from 1 1/2 to 2 inches.

- Sharpen or replace mower blades as needed. Shredded leaf blades are an invitation to disease and allow more stress on the grass.

FRUITS

- Check pesticide labels for “stop” spraying recommendations prior to harvest.

- Harvest fruit from the orchard early in the morning and refrigerate soon as possible.

GENERAL LANDSCAPE

- Expect some leaf fall, a normal reaction to drought. Water plants well!

- Most plants need 1 to 2 inches of water per week.

- Water early in the morning; avoid middle of the day watering.

For more horticulture growing tips contact your local OSU Extension Office.