



# Timely Tips July

## Roses

1. Spray roses with Triple Action Plus at the first sign of black spot or powdery mildew.
2. Prune spent rose flowers down to the first 5 leaf leaflet.

## Ornamentals & Lawn

1. Keep warm season annuals in flower beds watered and keep spent flowers deadheaded to promote more flowering.
2. Fertilize annuals bi-weekly with *Jack's Classic Fertilizer* or *Miracle-Gro LiquaFeed*.
3. Stop pinching back mums and asters after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Pinching after this point will delay flowering in the fall.
4. Bearded Iris can be divided towards the end of the month. Discard old center sections or rhizomes that are diseased. Share the extras with friends and replant so that the tops of the rhizomes are just above ground level. Top dress with *Fertilome Bulb Tone* to encourage new, healthy growth this fall.
5. Watch for bagworms on all garden plants; however, evergreens are especially susceptible. Pick off any cocoons that have developed and discard them in the trash – do not put them in the compost pile.
6. Hot, dry weather is ideal for spider mites. Watch for speckled leaves, webbing, or dull gray-green color on evergreens. Treat with *Triple Action Plus* or an insecticide for spider mites.
7. Newly planted trees and shrubs should be watered thoroughly every week.
8. Water lawns as needed to prevent drought and stress; lawns should receive 1" of water per week. Place a clean, empty tuna fish can under the sprinklers to measure how much water is being emitted.

## Fruits and Veggies

1. Harvest onions and garlic when the tops turn brown.
2. Set out transplants of broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower for the fall garden.
3. Pick blackberries and other fruit as they ripen.

**Birds & Wildlife**

1. Keep hummingbird feeders clean and full.
2. Filling bird feeders throughout the summer and providing clean fresh water in birdbaths will provide birds a safe haven throughout the summer.

**Water Gardens****General**

1. With overhead water, minimize diseases by watering early in the morning and allowing foliage to dry off during the day.