

# July Garden Calendar

## Local Horticulture Happenings:

Exhibit your fruits, vegetables and flowers at the Riley County Fair, 537-6350.

Purchase Iris from KSU Gardens (1500 Denison Ave.) on the last Saturday morning of the month, 532-1397.

Take extra produce to the Flint Hills Breadbasket at 905 Yuma, 537-0730.

## Vegetables and Fruits

Harvest fruits of your labor and enjoy  
Control weed growth to preserve water and nutrients  
Fertilize vegetables to encourage plant development  
Watch for foliar disease development on lower tomato leaves and treat with a fungicide  
Prepare for fall gardening. Plant potatoes, broccoli, and other fall crops  
Spray sweet corn to control corn earworms as silks emerge  
Be on the lookout for pests of the garden and control  
Remove old raspberry canes after harvest

## Flowers

Remove faded flowers from annuals to stimulate more flowers for late summer color, and from perennials to prevent reseeding  
Keep gardens well mulched  
Cut fresh bouquets for enjoyment on hot summer days  
Lightly fertilize annuals to promote growth  
Dig, divide, and replant crowded irises  
Fertilize roses for fall blossoms  
Fertilize and water container gardens  
Complete the final pinching of chrysanthemum tips for bushier plants

## Lawns

Mow bluegrass and tall fescue around 3 to 3 1/2 inches  
Mow zoysia at 1 1/2 inches  
Fertilize zoysia to encourage summer growth with a high nitrogen fertilizer. Let grass clippings fall to return nutrients to soil and grass  
Be on the lookout for summer diseases such as brown patch  
Watch for grubs. If they begin to hatch, an insecticide may be required. Apply in late July or early August.  
Keep mower blades sharpened  
Replace lawn mower air filter and change lawn mower oil per owner's manual  
Prepare to control perennial grassy weeds such as zoysia, fescue, and nimblewill  
Take a soil test to prepare for fall lawn renovation  
Water deeply and less often for deep roots and a healthy lawn

## Trees and Shrubs

Water newly planted shrubs and young trees (planted within the last three to five years) during dry weather  
Keep plants mulched to conserve moisture and cool roots  
Remove sucker growth from the base of trees and along branches  
Prune diseased, dead, or hazardous limbs  
Treat evergreens for bagworm activity

## Miscellaneous

Water weekly by deeply soaking the soil. Use surface irrigation and avoid watering late at night to help reduce disease development.  
Take photos of gardens

### *Additional resources for the month:*

Bagworms MF-728

Harvest & Storage of Fruits & Vegetables MF-661

Watering Newly Planted and Young Trees and Shrubs MF-2800

Water-Wise Gardening Series

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