

# THE FRONT YARD NURSERY NEWSLETTER

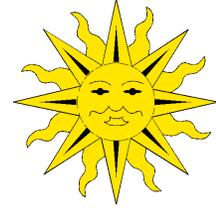
## A PUBLICATION FOR HARD PAN GARDENERS

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# SUMMER 2017



**GARDEN QUOTE:** "A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawnmower is broken." ~James Dent



## SUMMER GARDEN CALENDAR



### June

- Rebuild watering basins around trees and shrubs for deep watering.
- Protect ripening fruit with bird netting or scare tactics such as reflective tape, plastic owls, old CDs, plastic snakes, old neck ties, or wind chimes. Put up just as fruit ripens so the birds don't become too familiar with the devices.
- Remove spent flowers on annuals for re-bloom.
- Feed azaleas, camellias, gardenias, & rhododendrons with azalea food. Try out our G&B\* organic fertilizer.
- Feed lawns with Endure 16-16-16, or G&B organic lawn fertilizer.
- Feed perennials and shrubs that have extensive bloom times with 16-16-16 or all purpose G&B.\*
- Plant a batch of herbs near the kitchen door for easy access to instant flavor.
- Prune spring blooming shrubs after flowering, like lilacs.
- Annual checkup on mowers and trimmers. Dull or dirty blades spread disease and cause stress.
- Trim hedges so that the base is wider than the top by pruning down the sides. The foliage will flush out over that woody base.
- Use Tangle Foot or Terro Ant Traps on fruit trees to prevent crawling insects, like ants, from damaging fruit.
- Plant summer vegetable seeds or starts.
- Whitewash fruit tree trunks to prevent sunburn. Use a light colored interior latex paint mixed with 50% water or we sell Tree Trunk Paint. Paint up to 40" or the first set of branches.
- SEMINAR: Encore of our famous "Drip Irrigation Made Simple" June 17<sup>th</sup> (Sat) & 19<sup>th</sup> (Mon), 9am – 11am**
- Remember: Father's Day is June 18th. Treat Dad to a gift card and a free lawn mowing or a nice pair of pruners.
- Watch for earwigs and snails. Set out bait, traps, diatomaceous earth labeled for gardens, Sluggo or Sluggo Plus.



\*G&B = Gardner & Bloome

- Apply mulch around shrubs to reduce evaporation and keep down weeds.
- Cut back berry vines after fruiting to make room for vigorous young growth. See us for a berry handout.

### July

- July 4<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Happy Independence Day! We're closed in honor of the holiday.
- Harvest vegetables regularly. Old fruit left on the plant will inhibit production.
- Water early in the day to prevent disease. Mulch to maintain moisture. Keep mulch 6" from the trunks.
- Renew flowering ground covers & perennials; shear and fertilize with an all purpose or Rose and Flower food.
- Spray caterpillars with Take Down, BT, or Captain Jack's Spinosad, all available at the Nursery.
- Feed lawns. If water is limited, skip feeding. We like G&B Organic Lawn Food.
- Check sprinkler and irrigation systems for problems.



### August

- Herbs should be harvested in the morning for the freshest flavor.
- Plan your fall garden. Start fall vegetables indoors (broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce, etc).
- Plant second wave of beets, carrots, radishes, etc.
- Set melons and pumpkins on a board to prevent rot.
- Clean up around fruit trees. Old fruit may harbor disease.
- Plant perennials and feed extensive blooming plants with 16-16-16, or all purpose G&B\* Organic.
- Set out bait for slugs. Keep away from children and pets. Try Sluggo or Sluggo Plus, which are safe around pets and available at the Nursery.
- Deep-water trees and large shrubs.
- Give houseplants a bath outside. Keep them in the **shade**.
- CLINIC: Summer Fruit Tree Pruning August 5<sup>th</sup> (Sat) & 7<sup>th</sup> (Mon) 9-11am.** Learn how and why to summer prune from our resident expert. Get our 2018 Bareroot List and you reserve your selections too!

