



GARDENING HINTS FROM THE PRO

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July To-Do List

SOW SEEDS

Vegetables: Black Eyed Peas, Corn, Cucumbers, Malabar Spinach, New Zealand Spinach, Okra, Pumpkin, Summer Squash, Winter Squash.

Use the 4th of July holiday as your reminder to plant pumpkins in order to get nice, big Jack o' Lanterns in time for Halloween!

Fruits: Cantaloupe, Watermelon.

PLANT

Vegetables: Eggplant, Peppers, Tomatoes (at the end of the month)

Herbs: Basil, Oregano, Rosemary, Thyme.

Annuals: Blue Daze, Gomphrena, Periwinkle, Portulaca, Purslane, Zinnia.

Perennials: Black-Eyed Susan, Butterfly Weed, Copper Canyon Daisy, Cupheas, Coreopsis, Daylily, Lantana, Plumbago, Ruellias, Salvias.

Feed

A rule of thumb for fertilizing edibles and ornamentals: If a plant has to be watered frequently, it needs to be fed frequently. Actively growing plants need lots of nutrition and frequent watering washes nutrients from the soil. Potted plants and edibles, especially, will benefit from very regular feedings. If you're watering at least once a day, you could apply a dry fertilizer like MicroLife Ultimate once a month, and Fox Farms Tiger Bloom liquid fertilizer every two weeks.

Wild critters need extra help at this time of year, as their food and water sources dry up. Keep your little wild friends in mind, and be sure there are good food and shelter plants in your yard. Try and keep water available at the outskirts of your yard, too.

Mosquitos make it difficult to enjoy your yard this time of year!!! Apply Cedarcide granules, and Cedar oil spray to deter them from your yard.

Get Your **Green** On!

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