

10 Tips for Gardening in a HEATWAVE

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Monitor Soil Moisture
Adjust watering to meet the needs of the plants.



Mulch
A thick layer protects
plants' roots & soil.



Block afternoon sun with 50% shade. Shade young plants & trees.



Water Deeply
Deep watering encourages
deep roots.



Choose Heat-Tolerant Crops
Extreme heat is too much for many
warm-season crops.



Don't Drown Plant's Roots
Wilted plants don't always
need water. Too much water
will drown roots.



Avoid Fertilizer
Feeding plants
encourages growth
& stresses already
struggling plants.



Account for Wind Hot, dry wind is drying & damaging to plants and trees.



Don't Prune
Pruning encourages new
growth & exposes new
areas to sunlight.



Pamper Containers
Find the coolest area in
your yard for small
containers & water
often.