

# July Garden Checklist



- ☐ Go easy on yourself. Most plants are going to struggle when temps are above 110°F
- ☐ If you haven't already add mulch and shade to areas that need it.
- ☐ Harvest early in the day to increase storage life. Harvest and use basil.
- ☐ Order garlic and other fall bulbs like ranunculus, prechilled tulips & saffron crocus.
- ☐ Make a plan for fall and winter gardens, order seeds.
- ☐ Cut back artichokes and mulch well. Fertilize sweet potatoes & blackberries.
- ☐ Provide support for roselle & sunflowers as needed to prepare for monsoon winds.
- ☐ Cut back cover crops before they set seed. Plant more cover crops if needed.
- ☐ Monitor plants for pests & diseases, remove infested plants.
- ☐ Plant tomatoes and peppers later in the month if the monsoons arrive.
- ☐ Skip a watering cycle if you get more than 1/2 an inch of rain.
- ☐ Enjoy the lovebirds, butterflies, hummingbirds and other wildlife in the garden.
- ☐ Keep flowers dead-headed and save seeds from hollyhocks and other flowers.
- ☐ Keep fruit harvested, fallen fruit invites pests & diseases.
- ☐ Start seeds indoors. Check [Growinginthegarden.com](http://GrowingInTheGarden.com) for planting lists.
- ☐ Travel and enjoy places away from the heat this summer!