



August Garden Checklist

- Don't lose hope! Summers are long and hard. Gardening is difficult, it's not just you!

- Try to spend time in your garden each day and catch problems when they are small.

- Make a plan for fall & winter planting. Order seeds, garlic and potatoes.

- Cut back cover crops and top beds with compost 2-3 weeks before you plant.

- If your garden has struggled, consider getting your soil tested and amend as needed.

- Cut back overgrown peppers, eggplants & tomatoes to new growth. Feed with compost.

- August is a key month for indoor seed starting. Check planting lists and start seeds indoors.

- Plant warm season crops like tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, squash & corn.

- Top off large containers with more raised bed mix before planting. Don't plant small containers yet.

- Keep summer bloomers (zinnia, cosmos, etc.) deadheaded to encourage more blooms.

- Plan your wildflower garden and order seeds. Order ranunculus, anemone & other bulbs.

- Cut off sunflowers at ground level, don't pull them up! You'll lose too much soil!

- Evaluate roses. Keep them deadheaded. Make plans for fall rose planting.

- Keep split and sun damaged fruit picked. Expand watering basins as needed.

- Plant hardy desert trees and cacti this month. Wait to plant any other landscape plants.

- Give everything an extra deep watering this month to flush accumulated salts at root zones.
