



## Gardening Tips – August

Water, water, water! 1-2 inches per week depending on rainfall.

Mulch to conserve moisture and reduce soil temperature.

Plant beet, carrot, collard, parsnips, green peas, radish, rutabaga, swiss chard and turnip seeds mid-August. Irish potatoes can be started in early to mid-August. Remember, more water may be needed when planting in August.

Shade cloth or screen wire may be used to reduce soil temperature in vegetable garden. Also, use deep furrows to plant seed and cover with no more than 3X the seed size. Water only in the furrows to conserve water.

Fertilize warm season lawns with 1 lb. nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft.

Divide iris and other spring blooming perennials. Share the extra with friends or replant in another location in your garden. Iris should be divided every 3 years to keep them blooming well.

White grub treatment should be done in August if you have seen damage.

Pre-emergent for winter weeds is applied mid-to-late August before early fall rains.