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Garden Talk



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THE BUZZ by Mona Dyer

Have mercy! Crank up the swamp cooler and pour some lemonade! Summer is here! Cool weather and even some rainy days in June almost made me forget summer heat was coming. Well ... I remember now!

The heat is on, and there's a whole new strategy for getting things done in the garden. You'll find me out at daylight ... watering, weeding and puttering around. Early morning air is cool and refreshing ... birds chirp happy "hellos" ... and plants tell me how they're really feeling. It's true! My garden really is more truthful first thing in the morning. My guess is the plants are a little like me.



We're up a rearin' to go when it's cool ... but cranky and more than a little droopy when heat and wind starts beatin' us up later in the day. My garden gives me her most important messages in the morning. If plants are wilted and out of sorts in the morning, though, they're asking for sympathy and attention ... something I'll most certainly provide!

Summer veggie gardens are gonna kick into gear now that hot weather has hit. Lots of tomato, cucumber and squash plants have just plugged along 'til now ... so hang onto your hats! It could get crazy! If you like okra, now's the time to seed a row or two. They'll be up in no time! The patio pots and baskets of petunias are gonna love the warmth, too ... but make sure you keep them well watered! Our patio has a crazy network of hoses so my beautiful blooming baskets don't turn into crunchy potpourri on a windy afternoon.

Indoor chores will have to wait 'til I'm done outside today. Ten in

the morning isn't too early to crank up the swamp cooler and pour some cold lemonade, is it? I don't think so, either!

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July Gardening Calendar						
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Spray Pinyons with Permethrin 38% around July 1 st to protect against Bark Beetles. Check aspens for signs of borer activity. Spray with Permethrin 38%. Keep an eye out for ripening garden veggies. Yummy!				HAPPY 4th! CLOSED		Harvest your garlic patch! Save the biggest heads of garlic to re-plant in October. <i>Visit us at Fruita Farmer's Market!</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Deadhead perennial & annual flowers to extend bloom and keep plants looking fresh. Fill in color with vibrant new annual blossoms! Apply 3 rd drench treatment against tree borers in peach, plum, cherry & apricots on July 10 th . Water consistently to avoid stressed lawns. Check soil moisture to determine schedule. Dig down to check that soil is wet at least 8 inches deep after watering. Water again when soil is dry 4 inches down. Build those roots! <i>Visit Bookcliff Gardens' tent at the Fruita Farmer's Market!</i>						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Fertilize vegetable gardens once a month with Fertilome Gardener's Choice Vegetable Fertilizer. Deadhead shrub roses about now as flowers fade. No need to fuss! Hedge shears work great! Enjoy crispy cucumbers and garden-fresh tomatoes right off the vines! Go run through the sprinklers ... even if they're not stuck! <i>Check Out Bookcliff's Fresh In-Store Produce Market today!</i>						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Treat roses against thrips using Bayer Advanced Rose & Flower Insect Control or Fertilome Spinosad. Watch for veggie garden pests. Early intervention makes a big difference! Monitor for spider mites on trees and roses. Mites love hot weather! Beat the heat with a couple brand new shade trees for your backyard! <i>Visit Bookcliff Gardens' tent at the Fruita Farmer's Market every Saturday morning!</i>						
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Apply another drench treatment against crown borer in peach, plum, cherry & apricots on July 30 th . Treat spurge in your lawn using Weed-Free Zone! Stay on track in watering deeply & infrequently. Sip a cool drink in your lush backyard! Kick back & enjoy the beauty you've created! <i>Visit Bookcliff Gardens' tent at the Fruita Farmer's Markets ... or drop by the store 7 days a week. We have fresh, local produce daily!</i>						

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