

# AUGUST

Place order for Spring bulbs now.



## PLANT

- Deadhead and fertilize perennials for second blooming at the beginning of August.
- Choose plants just coming into bud for the longest period of bloom. If they are in full bloom when you buy them, they have already peaked.
- If you must move peonies, you may do it now. Divide and replant with only 1-1/2" of soil over their crown.
- Bearded iris.
- Remove bedding plants that have finished blooming. Replace with hardy annuals and mulch bare areas.
- Plant fall blooming bulbs: clochicum, crocus, sternbergia as soon as they are available.
- Constantly check for water needs in hanging baskets and remove dead or diseased leaves.

## PRUNE

- Wisteria for the last time this year.
- Take cuttings of roses. Use a sharp knife to take 6-9 inch long cuttings and remove all but the top 2 or 3 leaves. Insert cuttings 4-6 " deep in prepared soil. Water well and cover with a glass jar or plastic bag secured with a rubber band to conserve moisture. Provide bright light but not direct sun.



## MULCH

- Replenish the mulch in flower beds, vegetable garden and shrubs, Mulching helps keep down the weeds, reduces moisture loss from evaporation, keeps soil cooler and contributes organic matter to soil.



## WATCH FOR



- Bagworms on evergreen shrubs and trees. Pick them off and place them in sealable plastic bags. Then wash hands with soapy water.
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- Black spot and mildew on roses, treat with Virginia Tech approved pesticide.

## GARDEN CHORES

- Continue pulling weeds or spraying if necessary. Pull weeds before they set seeds or you'll be pulling 100 weeds next year.
- Cut herbs and flowers to dry.
- Take perennial cuttings, root in sand, place in cold frame or garden, protect from sun, keep damp.
- WATER, WATER, WATER even major trees.
- Continue removing faded blooms promptly.
- Do not fertilize roses now.



## WATER GARDENS

- Look for baby fish. Crush some fish food extra small and feed near the protected areas of your pond where little ones hide.
- Actually feeding mature fish adds more waste to your pond, better to have fewer fish and/or more plant material.

## GARDEN HIGHLIGHTS

- Annuals: snapdragon, cleome cosmos, geranium, impatiens, nasturtium, nicotiana, plumbago, valerian.
- Perennials: asters, daylilies, foxtail lilies, hosta, lirioppe, loose-strife, lycoris, marigolds, mums, purple cone flower, sedum "Autumn Joy," zinnias.
- Shrubs: Abelia, althea (Rose of Sharon), blue spirea, butterfly bush, clethera, hypericum, PG hydrangea, tptentilla, tamarisk, spirea.
- Trees; sophora japonica, crape-myrtle, golden raintree, smoke tree.