

INFORMATION

Jobs for August . . .

This time of year proves more relaxing and rewarding in the garden, having done all your preparation and hard work earlier on in the year. You can now enjoy the fruits of your labour - but not before you have completed the few tasks below. Then sit back and relax . . .

FLOWER BEDS

- * Dead head roses and spray regularly for pests and diseases.
- * Plant perennials and shrubs and water in well.
- * Prune Wisteria new shoots back to 5 buds to encourage flowers next year.
- * Plant climbers like Clematis and Honeysuckle.



Clematis

FRUIT

- * Summer style prune fruit trees - call into the centre for a free leaflet.
- * Pick Raspberries and prune to ground level.
- * Make a new Strawberry bed and take cuttings from runners.

LAWNS & HEDGES

- * Sow seed or turf new lawns.
- * Raise the height of cut in dry weather.
- * Cut hedges before growth slows.

VEGETABLES

- * Keep crops well watered, especially onions.
- * Continue to earth up Main Crop Potatoes.
- * Plant leeks and sow salad crops.

GREENHOUSE

- * Protect from scorching by painting the glass using a shade paint such as 'Cool Glass'. Alternatively, use greenhouse shading.
- * Keep removing side shoots from Tomatoes and feed with tomato food and sulphate of potash to ripen the fruit.
- * Keep an eye out for pests.



Hosta



Fuchsia

PONDS

- * Continue to remove blanket weed from ponds by twirling it around a stick.
- * Regularly clean filters and pumps to prevent from blocking.
- * Top up water level and keep on feeding the fish.

GENERAL

- * Feed the borders with chicken manure or rose feed.
- * Feed the vegetable garden with Growmore.
- * Be on guard for slugs.
- * Use Provado to control vine weevil.
- * Water and feed hanging baskets regularly.

PLANTS LOOKING GOOD THIS MONTH

Lilies	Fuchsias
Hostas	Crocsmia
Roses	Hemerocallis