JULY MONTHLY TASKS

BGGC GARDEN RESEARCH 2019

PRUNE, CLEAN-UP & MULCH

[] LAST CHANCE TO PINCH HARDY MUMS, ASTERS & UPRIGHT SEDUM

[] CUT YOUR GRASS A HALF INCH HIGHER to PROTECT GRASS ROOTS FROM HEAT STRESS

[] WATER! ESPECIALLY NEWER PLANTS TO PROMOTE DEEP ROOT GROWTH

 PLANTS NEED AN INCH OF WATER A WEEK. SOAK the ROOT ZONE, DON’T SPRITZ WITH A SPRAYER LIKE YOU’RE WASHING YOUR CAR. CONTAINERS IN THE SUN NEED DAILY ATTENTION

PERRENIALS & FLOWERING PLANTS

[] START PLANNING A BULB GARDEN FOR FALL!

[] PREPARE NEW BEDS FOR FALL PLANTING BY SMOTHERING GRASS OR WEEDS WITH LAYERS OF RECYCLED CORRUGATED CARDBOARD OR THICK LAYERS OF NEWSPAPER WITH MULCH ON TOP

FRUIT & VEGETABLE GARDEN

[] START SEEDING FALL CROPS, CABBAGE FAMILY, SALAD GREENS, BEANS, BEETS

 and CARROTS

[] YOU SHOULD BE HARVESTING YOUR GARLIC THIS MONTH

[] KEEP AFTER WEEDS. THEY STEAL MOISTURE, NUTRIENTS & LIGHT

BIRD FRIENDLY GARDENING TIPS

WATER NEEDED ALL YEAR / Preferably moving water

MOW LESS LAWN & ESTABLISH EDGE HABITAT / The place where field meets woods, a good hiding or nesting place, a mixture of shrubs, vines & nectar rich flowers

INCLUDE EVERGREEN COVER & BRUSHPILE/ Great hiding place in harsh weather & seed rich cones will be welcome

NO CHEMICALS, PLEASE/ Bugs are birdfood! Don’t taint the habitat you create and see an increase in worms & other soil life which birds count on

KEEP FEEDERS CLEAN/ clean & sterilize regularly with 1:10 (bleach : water)

DIVERSITY of FLOWERS, FRUITS & SEEDS/ Including Virginia Creeper, Grape, Viburnum, Elderberry, Dogwoods, Hollies, Apple, Pear & Crabapple and Spruce Trees

SOURCES/ [*www.petittigardencenter.com*](http://www.petittigardencenter.com) *and* [*www.awaytogarden.com*](http://www.awaytogarden.com)