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This has been a very wet monsoon season. Take weeds for granted and watch them take over any non moving object. I have definitely found the easiest solution to the weed problem.

'Killzall' by Hi-Yield brands can be found at the garden center and is by far the best weapon for the battle. 'Killzall' is the generic version of a super strength Roundup, only at a fraction of the price. For large jobs like fence lines, driveways and big open spaces use this concentrated weed and grass killer through a hose-end sprayer and watch the weeds melt away roots and all.

Once under control I have the "Tank-A-Week" approach to weed control. Each Sunday as I'm waiting for my three daughter and wife to finish getting ready for church, I walk the yard with my one gallon tank sprayer filled with Killzall and spray any newly sprouted weeds. It takes only minutes and keeps me from getting frustrated as I attempt to push the ladies in vein. It's a stress

reliever and good therapy for the husband or father that hasn't realize he is going to be late to church anyway. Why not kill some weeds while you're waiting?

This is a great month to plant new trees, shrubs and perennials. The garden center has all the summer bloomers in stock. There's the added benefit of reduced transplant shock because of the summer rains and increased humidity.

Get the last planting of fall carrots in by the 15th of this month. This is also a good time to plant lettuce, spinach, and radishes for harvest this fall.

The rains also bring a plethora of snail and slugs. Symptoms will be holes in the leaves, but no sign of an insect. They are hiding in the dark places of your flowers. I use an all natural bait that only attacks this slimy creature called 'Sluggo'. Not to worry this pelletized bait does not harm pets, kids or birds.

If you like these garden tips you would enjoy the 'My Personal Gardener Newsletter' through my web site at wattersonline.com. My weekly garden advice is sure to make you a better gardener, or simply visit me at Watters Garden Center, 1815 Iron Springs Road, Prescott



Until next month, I'll see you in the garden center.

***Crape Myrtle
Siren Red***

August Garden "To-Do's"

- *Kill weeds with Killzall by Hi-Yield*
- *Last chance to summer feed with Start-N-Grow plant food by fertilome*
- *Best month to plant summer blooming shrubs like Crape Myrtle, and mimosa trees.*
- *Reseed lawns or start a new one*
- *Plant last crop of carrots, radish and spinach*

Pest to watch for...

- *Brown spots in the lawn is fungus*
- *Powdery mildew on roses*
- *Grasshoppers on the burning bush*

Plants in bloom & looking good

- *Annuals: petunia, dahlia, sweet potato, geranium,*
- *Perennial: gaura, sedum, echinacea, sun flowers*
- *Shrubs: Russian sage, salvia, mimosa, chitalpa*

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