



growth and better color. An absolute must for the summer bloomers in the yard like roses, crape myrtle, rose of sharon, Autumn sage and fruiting plants like grapes and berries. Expect more blooms from vegetable and flowers, larger fruit and better taste when using my all natural plant food. Visit the garden center for more details.

In addition, I also use my all natural "Soil Activator" on any plant that looks stressed or isn't blooming or fruiting the way it should. This granular product is especially important to spread on lawns, flower beds or anything you want to encourage deeper roots on. This same product also brings intense color from your evergreens and the natives in the yard.

July is the month grasshoppers become bad so bait them with my all natural "NOLO Bait" and eliminate the problem. Powdery mildew and flea beetles can also become bad. Deal with problems in the yard early. Bring samples to the garden center and we can provide an exact diagnosis with solution. Please remember to place samples in a zip lock bag or jar to prevent the spread of disease at the garden center.



***"Cone flowers produce all season in the full sun"***

## July Garden "To-Do"s

- *A great time to plant new trees, shrubs and perennials.*
- *Fertilize with "Kens All Purpose Plant Food"*
- *Encourage new summer roots and better color and apply "Soil Activator"*
- *Set out celery and cabbage plants.*
- *Plant beets, broccoli, Brussel sprouts, chard, kohlrabi, turnips, rutabagas for fall & winter harvest.*

## Pests to watch for...

- *Spray Carbaryl or Permethin ASAP when you see bugs this month.*
- *Watch for fungus spots in lawns.*

## Plants in bloom & looking good

- *Shrubs - Butterfly Bush, Russian sage, Salvia, Crape Myrtle, Rose of Sharon, Caryopteris, Potentilla*
- *Perennial - Echinacea, Gaura, Coreopsis, Galardia*
- *Trees - Desert willow, Chitalpa, Golden Locust, Ash*

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July is an ideal month to add a fruit or shade tree, berry plant, summer flowering shrubs and perennials to the landscape. With the arrival of the monsoon plants thrive in the warmer days of summer. The increased humidity and shade from a cloud floating over head is a relief to you and the plants.

This is also the very best time to add perennials to your containers and flower beds. Perennials are those flowering plants that come back every year bigger and bolder than the last. This is the best month to see perennials in all their glory and most in full bloom.

This is the month to flush new growth from the deciduous plants in the yard, especially those damaged by thrip, aphids, hail and wind. I highly recommend feeding everything in the landscape with a good granular plant food, NOT with a liquid like Miracle Grow.

I have created the perfect mountain food that not only feeds the plants in the yard, but more importantly it feeds the soil. Apply a generous application of "Kens All Purpose Plant Food" to everything in the yard by the end of July. Each time rain or irrigation touches this granular food it releases vital food to hungry plant for enhanced