



# GARDEN JOBS – August

- ◆ Dig and divide overcrowded irises. Cut foliage back to 2-3 inches and replant.
- ◆ Continue to keep mulch levels at least 3 inches deep to conserve water.
- ◆ Try to keep up with the vegetable harvesting! This is the time that old veggies left in the garden start to draw insects and develop diseases.
- ◆ Keep hand-picking caterpillars and spraying with Bt as needed.
- ◆ Fertilize camellias, azaleas, and gardenias with chelated iron if there is yellowing between leaf veins.
- ◆ Feed fruit trees.
- ◆ Protect fruit trees, berries and veggies from birds with bird netting.
- ◆ Encourage continued blooming on flowering plants by cutting off spent flowers.
- ◆ Fertilize indoor plants if you are not using a slow-release plant food.
- ◆ Trap codling moth larvae by attaching bands of corrugated cardboard around apple tree trunks.
- ◆ Continue to clean up fallen fruit and debris around fruit trees to prevent the spread of brown rot.
- ◆ Begonias, fuchsias, annuals, and container plants need feeding.
- ◆ Fertilize chrysanthemums but stop when buds start to open.
- ◆ Take indoor plants outside to a shady spot and wash down foliage and water until it runs out the bottom. Fertilize lightly when done.