

AUGUST

garden planning checklist



PLANT OF THE MONTH — snake plants —

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Lawns: If your lawn needs a total overhaul, August is the month to kill off existing weeds and grass so you can start from scratch in September.

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Shrubs: Summersweet clethra blooms this month, has a sweet fragrance, attracts pollinators, and tolerates very wet or poor soils. It's a great addition to low-lying areas.

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Heat: If it's too hot to be outside in the garden, turn your attention to your indoor plants. Add to your collection or see if anything needs repotting.

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Mowing: Mowing your lawn at a higher height during the heat of summer helps retain soil moisture and keeps your lawn's root system cooler.

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Hydrangeas: Prune early this month if you haven't already. This way hydrangeas have time to produce the growth needed for next year's blooms.

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Mulch: Is your mulch getting thin or has it washed away during heavy downpours? Freshen up the top layer to help keep root systems cool and improve moisture retention in the soil.

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Inspect Your Plants: Plant diseases and insects are at their peak this month. Spend some time inspecting your plants for signs of insect damage or disease.