

AUGUST GARDEN CHECKLIST

- Continue checking irrigation lines and valves to be sure they are functioning correctly. Adjust timing according to weather conditions.
- Be on the alert for mosquitoes. Eliminate all standing water. For birdbaths and ponds, control by adding *Bacillus Thurengiensis israelensis* or mosquito fish
- Continue baiting for ants.
- Check for aphids, whiteflies, caterpillars and spider mites. Use a strong spray of water on whiteflies and aphids, and mist the undersides of leaves for spider mites. Neem oil and insecticidal soaps can also be used, but only during cool parts of the day and when bees are not present. Spray Bt (*Bacillus thurengiensis*) for caterpillars.
- Use neem oil as described above for powdery mildew.
- Put out traps to control yellow jackets.
- If you have trouble with blossom end rot on your tomatoes, (dark leathery spots on the blossom end), be sure you are applying water evenly, keeping the soil uniformly moist, neither dry nor saturated. Follow recommended fertilizer amounts. Some tomato varieties are more susceptible than others, but since this is not caused by a pathogen, there are no pesticide solutions.
- Mow lawn down by no more than 1/3 when weather is hot
- Deep water young trees every week or two in hottest weather