



Buena Tierra

August 2007

Fall Vegetable Planting

Don't Miss Out

The month of August brings the promise of the 'fall' vegetable garden. Holes begin to appear in our summer gardens as onions, leeks, and beets are harvested. Potatoes also mature now and another 'hole' appears. You can plant **Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Collards, Kohlrabi, and Kale** by seed the first two weeks of August. Select your seeds and plant them in **Seed Starter Mix**, an excellent seed starter medium. Then prepare your soil by incorporating Kevin's 'guaranteed recipe' for gardening success:

Per 50 square feet of soil area:

1 bag PayDirt Soil Conditioner (2 cu ft.)

2 bags Bumper Crop (2 cu. ft.)

6 cups Dr. Earth Tomato, Vegetable, Herb Fertilizer (5-7-3)

Transplant seed starts by September 1st and you'll be harvesting crops at the end of October. If you don't want to fool around 'starting' seeds, just purchase the 'started' plants from us. We have a great selection to choose from mid-August onward. Upon completion of your 'fall harvest', rework the soil and plant **Onions, Garlic, and Shallots** for spring harvest. This is a great way to utilize your garden soil for successive plantings.



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The Whiting Nursery goal is to provide our customers the highest quality plant material and garden products available at a reasonable value with exceptional customer service. We aim to provide a friendly, educational atmosphere for our customers to achieve gardening success.



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Heat Stress for Plants

We have certainly had our fair share of hot weather this season. Not only have we been suffering through this oppressive heat, but plants have suffered as well. Here's some tips to help your plants get through those 100 degree plus days.

Water early in the day

It's always best to water in the morning, when humidity (if any) is high. Plants are transpiring very little water at that time of day. If plants are young and their roots aren't established you may need to add additional water. It's critical with lawns – deep water early in the day and immediately after mowing.

Avoid getting water on leaves.

Water on leaves acts as a magnifying glass and causes burning. Avoid overhead spraying during hot dry spells.

Plant in the early evening

Plants smaller than one-gallon size don't have enough root area to hold sufficient available water to get through a hot day. It's always best to plant six-pack and 4" pot annuals and perennials during the early evening. They will be able to adjust to transplanting in the cool evening hours.

Stimulate Roots with **Root Master B-1**

Better than a B-1 product, **Root Master B-1** has Naphthalene Acetic Acid with actually 'stimulates' root hair development. This aids in avoiding transplant shock by providing immediate new roots for the plant.

Protect plants with an Anti-transpirent

Cloud Cover, an organic plant anti-transpirent, works great to protect plants in extremely hot or cold weather. It's an organic, flexible polymer that 'seals' in moisture and prevents transplant shock. It leaves no residue.



Color Pot Cure for the Summertime Droop!

Are your color pots looking a little lackluster? We recommend **Maxsea All Purpose 16-16-16** water soluble concentrate fertilizer. Use **Maxsea** once a month and your flowers will keep their vibrant color. It is natural because it comes from seaweed - has micronutrients for stimulation and color.

When planting your own color pots, don't forget to add **Dr. Earth Starter Fertilizer** to the soil for stronger root systems. With strong roots the plants can withstand hot days better.

PINCH BACK and dead head those spent blooms. This will encourage new growth and blooms. **THEY LOVE IT!** Your flower pot will have a much longer life.

Come into Whiting's Nursery for a fantastic selection of unique color pots. They look great on the porch, deck and in the garden for extra dimension. A wonderful solution for small space gardening.



Tasks for the Month— August



- ☼ Plant fall vegetables now. Plant seedlings of broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower. Plant seeds of carrots, beets, chard, lettuce, and radishes.
- ☼ Fertilize summer annuals and container plants with **Maxsea Bloom** water-soluble fertilizer. Feed weekly to get showcase blooms.
- ☼ Now's the time to prune your roses. Snip off sun burned or yellowed leaves. Prune back all canes to an equal height. Feed with **Dr. Earth Rose & Food Flower (5-7-2)** to promote blooms and invigorate and improve biological life in your soil.
- ☼ Check irrigation systems to make sure everything is working efficiently. Deeply water trees and shrubs.
- ☼ Add to mulch around planting areas to help conserve moisture. **Master Nursery Black Forest Mulch** is perfect for all planting areas.
- ☼ Control lawn pests with **Scott's Summer Guard Lawn Food and Insect Killer (30-3-4)**. It feeds your lawn while controlling **Sod Webworm, Fleas, Ants, and Cinch Bugs**.
- ☼ Control Spider Mites by spraying **Green Light Rose Defense** on affected plants in early morning or in the evening.

- ☼ Feed your lawn with **Dr. Earth Super Natural Lawn Fertilizer (9-3-4)**. One application lasts for up to 3 months. It promotes a healthy root system and controls thatch build up.

August Dates

12th New Moon

28th Full Moon

September Dates

3rd Labor Day- Nursery is open

8th Organic Gardening Seminar

19th Organic Solutions for Gardeners



Monthly Raffle

July Winner is Michael Dunsford, Calistoga

August Raffle Prize is a
24" California Fire Pit

Upcoming Seminars

Organic Vegetable Gardening

Date: Saturday, September 8th

Time: 9:30-10:30 am

Instructor: Annie Joseph, 30-year nursery veteran and environmental steward, and Kevin C. Twohey, Owner, *Whiting Nursery*

Subjects

Covered: Learn about growing a fall veggie garden the organic way. Find out about the most wanted bugs for your garden how to attract and keep them working to keep the balance.

Cost: Free. Includes free samples and raffle prizes.
Must pre register (seating limited).



Gardeners Workshop for Organic Solutions to Fall Pests and Diseases

Date: Wednesday, September 19th

Time: 9:30-10:30 am

Instructor: Annie Joseph, 30-year nursery veteran and environmental steward, and Kevin C. Twohey, Owner, *Whiting Nursery*

Subjects

Covered: Learn about organic solutions to pest and disease problems in the landscape. Learn about organic lawn care for the fall that will save you time and money in the long run.

Cost: Free. Includes free samples of organic products.
Must pre register (seating limited).