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Sprinklers vs Drip... does it *really* make a difference?!?

Lawns and gardens have different watering needs that are best met by using different watering methods. Sprinklers are best used for large, flat areas like lawns that need a lot of shallow water. Drip irrigation is ideal for precisely deep watering individual plants and trees.

Drip pros and cons: Drip only puts water where you want it. If you do it right, it will only irrigate the desired plant at the root ball slowly so the soil has time to absorb it. This reduces runoff and weed growth. It also reduces loss of water from evaporation. The idea of drip is to maintain the moisture in your soil around your plants so its there when they need it. Drip is designed to be run for long periods of time, not minutes. That is why the rates are in GPH (gallons per hour). Drip needs to be run on a different valve then your sprinklers for this reason. Trees need to be watered with a deep irrigation so that the roots follow the water down instead of remaining at the surface. The main disadvantage to drip is that emitters tend to plug up with the hard water in this area. You may not notice a problem until it becomes severe. Some other disadvantages are that if not installed under weed cloth, animals can get to drip hoses or the exposed hoses can be a tripping hazard. Regular checking and maintenance is a good idea to prevent stressed plants in the future.

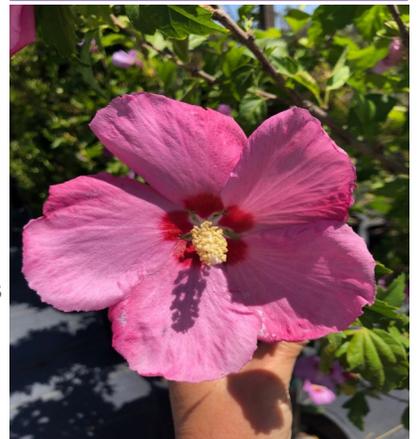
Sprinkler pros and cons: Sprinklers are commonly used for large, flat areas that don't need deep watering. Sprinkler water only goes a few inches into the soil profile. This can work well for lawn situations. Sprinklers are also great for watering in fertilizers and other chemicals. They are easy to see when there is a problem and due to the fact the main lines are buried, easy to mow around. The problem with sprinklers is they **ONLY** go a few inches into the soil. This is not ideal for establishing drought tolerance in your landscape. And irrigating trees with sprinklers

leads to surface roots and damage to surrounding areas. Watering with sprinklers can also lead to excessive weed growth due to water going where its not needed, staining to structures, slippery walkways, and evaporation. If you need to use sprinklers, we suggest MP Rotators. They will help reduce runoff, some evaporation, and directional control to an extent.



“Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint, and the soil and sky as canvas”

- Elizabeth Murray



Rose of Sharon are in full bloom, stop in and see our selection!

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Fall Blooming Perennials

Keep the color going in your yard into the next season!! These tried-and-true selections are sure to be fall favorites!!



Autumn Sage *Salvia greggi*: Hummingbirds love this tough plants beautiful flowers! Heat and drought tolerant, and so many colors to choose

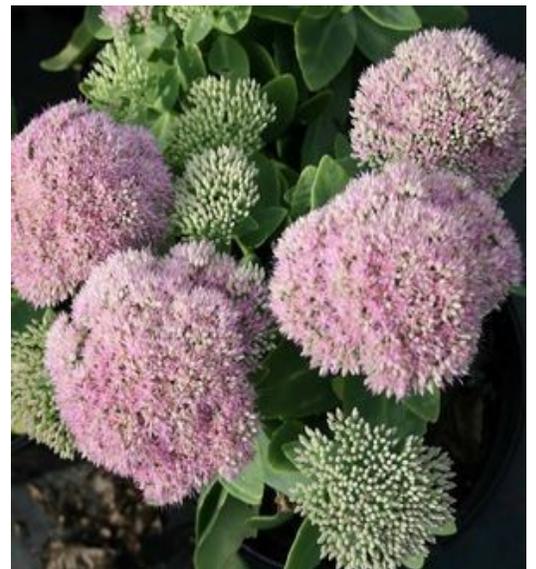


Mexican Sage *Salvia leucantha*: This dazzling beauty has fuzzy foliage and long, colorful flowers. Hummingbirds are never far away from this drought and heat tolerant plant!



Mums *Chrysanthemum*: An old time favorite, this cheery bloom starts late summer until frost. The color choices and flower styles are amazing... Mums always make me excited for the cooler weather to come!

Pink Bomb Stonecrop *Sedum*: Butterflies love this compact punch of color! Succulent apple green leaves crowned with blush pink blooms are a great texture in mixed beds. Heat and drought tolerant and hardy to -20 make this quite the versatile plant!



August To Do List

Fertilize:

Liquid and organic fertilizers are best this time of year. Come let us help you figure you the best fit!

Planting:

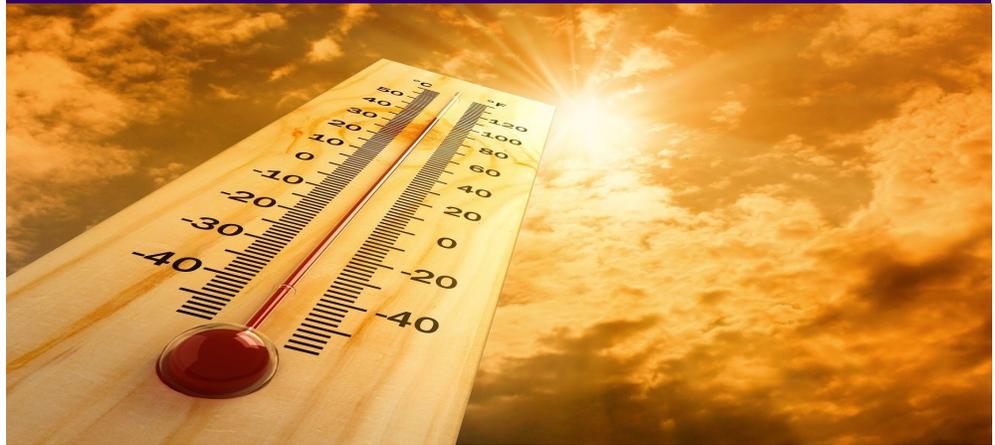
Plant in the evening, and don't forget to water the newly planted plants well.

Pest Control:

Worms are out in full force! Stop in for a selection of Monterey products to get them, along with other pests, under control.

Mulch, Mulch, Mulch!

Watering Tips



The August sun can be brutal... absolutely sweltering! We are lucky enough to be able to enjoy indoor cooler temperatures with a/c and fans. Our gardens and landscapes aren't as fortunate! Here are some tips to help keep our leafy friends cool too:

- Apply mulch to your beds! A 2-3" layer of bark lowers the temperature of the soil, helps retain precious moisture, and keeps weeds from stealing from your plants.
- Be ready to water new plants daily! And water thoroughly! We need to get moisture all the way to the bottom of the root ball.
- Check watering systems regularly! One miss could be fatal.
- Make sure your watering system is running long enough to replace the water used. Don't let plants dry too much between watering cycles.
 - Don't fertilize stressed plants.
- Don't water fescue lawn during the heat of the day—you'll end up with fungus.

Hummingbird Corner

Snapdragons *Antirrhinum*



Snapdragons, *Antirrhinum majus*, are cool season bloomers and a favorite of kids everywhere! Who hasn't made one of the little "dragons" talk?!?!? These colorful bedding plants are an early Spring favorite of hummingbirds. I know I'm a little early showcasing these because we don't plant until mid September, but I'm wishing cooler weather to come our way!!

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Mulch along... All year long! It's never the wrong season to mulch your plants. Mulch helps to prevent weeds, and retains precious moisture for your plants in the warmer months.



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