

Frequently Asked Question

Check out our essential guide for August lawn & garden maintenance. We have timely tips and expert advice to keep your lawn and gardens looking lush through one of Oklahoma's hottest months.

Maintenance

- Water young plantings well. See our [watering guide](#) for details.
- Expect some leaf fall, this is a normal reaction to drought.
- For stressed trees and shrubs, use **Marcum's Root Stimulator** or **ferti-lome® Fish Emulsion Fertilizer**.
- Prune evergreens such as holly and boxwood.

Lawn Care

- Apply one of Marcum's Nursery exclusive fertilizers made for Oklahoma: **Kelly Ray's Fast Growing (46-0-0)**, **Big Mont's Nitro Green (31-0-0)**, **BR's Lawn Tonic (28-6-12)**, or **The Original Slow Release (18-6-12)** on Bermuda and Zoysia Grass if water is present for growth.
- Apply **Hi-Yield® Turf & Ornamental Weed & Grass Stopper Containing Dimension®** or **ferti-lome® For All Seasons II Lawn Food Plus Crabgrass and Weed Preventer** to prevent poa annua AKA annual blue grass seed from sprouting toward the end of the month.
- Apply **Hi-Yield® Grub Free Zone III** beginning in May and reapply in August after June bugs (scarab beetles) have gone underground to prevent grubs and to control mole and vole populations.
- Mowing heights for cool-season grasses should be 3" during hot, dry summer months. Gradually raise the mower height on bermudagrass lawns from 1 1/2 to 2 inches.

It's Time to Plant

- Several crops can be started by seed this month; brussels sprouts, cauliflower, celery, collards, endive, kale, parsnip, peas, and rutabaga.
- Plant a cover crop in bare spots in the vegetable garden.
- Container perennials, shrubs, and trees can still be planted as long as they are supplied with adequate water.

Pest Patrol

- Tent caterpillars and bagworms: If caterpillars are still feeding, apply **ferti-lome® Caterpillar Spray with BT** or **ferti-lome® Spinosad**, otherwise apply **Hi-Yield® 55% Malathion Insect Spray** or **Cyonara**.
- The hotter and drier it gets, the larger the spider mite populations become! Spray plant foliage with **ferti-lome® Spinosad Soap**, **Cyonara™ Lawn & Garden Insect Control** or **Hi-Yield® 55% Malathion Spray**.
- Aphids on your Crape Myrtle shrubs or trees? If you notice a sticky substance on leaves, apply **Hi-Yield® 55% Malathion Insect Spray** or **Cyonara™ Lawn & Garden Insect Control**.

Note: Thanks to Oklahoma Coop Extension Service for providing some of the suggested maintenance guidelines. Recommended products suggested by Marcum's may be purchased at all store locations. For questions regarding **August** maintenance guidelines, please call **Goldsby** (405 288-2368), **Oklahoma City** (405 691-9100), **Norman** (405 447-3100) or **Ardmore** (580 223-1846) locations.