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## HOORAY FOR SUMMER!

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Summer is one of the best times of the year, (besides spring, fall and winter) in your garden. But what really is the most enjoyable about the summer is the wonderful colour and textures that it brings. This is the time of year to really enjoy all the hard work from the spring that you put into your garden. Although this does not mean that all the work is over. Summer is full of tasks that need to be done during the coming hot months. Mulching and water conservation is the thing that probably takes priority but there is also the weeding, deadheading, fertilizing and you should always be on the look out for pest and disease problems that seem to start arising in July due to the weather and the growth stages of your plants. Here at our garden centre we can provide you with the expertise on all the issues that may arise in the up and coming months.

Right now the colour is phenomenal here. We still have an amazing selection of summer flowering annuals to keep that colour going all season long. Our annuals come in all sizes, so no matter the size of your hole we have a plant to fit it. Perennials are becoming the main focus for planting now that summer has finally arrived, and we have a great selection of those in all sizes.

July is a fantastic month to come snoop around our garden centre. There is still lots to see so come on in and check it out!

Cheers  
Brooke Smith

## WHATS GOING ON IN OUR NURSERY NOW!

The greenhouses are now being emptied and cleaned out getting ready for the planting of our poinsettia crop. We are going to be planting 21,000 poinsettias this year. This takes us about three days and is quite a job. The poinsettias arrive as small cuttings rooted in an oasis medium. We usually plant most of them up in 6 inch pots and do an assortment of 8, 10 and 12 inch. This year we are trying something new and



planting some Euphorbia 'Diamond Frost' up with the poinsettias for a nice "snow effect" around the base of the plants. This is a new take on the Mumsettia.

We have also finished planting our fall crop of garden mums. We planted up 22,000 of those, which will be ready for sale, come late August-early September. And if you want them early we do have 4" for sale come the end of this month. Fall pansies are arriving next week, and again will be ready for sale the same time as the garden mums.

## PLANT PICKS AND TASKS FOR JULY

Here are some great plant picks from **Liisa** for the dry months ahead.

Prevoskia- Russian Sage	Gypsophila - Baby's Breath
Knipholia- Red Hot Poker	Lavender
Rosemary	Sedums
Butterfly Bush	Euryops
Fremontodendron	Cistus- Rock Rose
Ceanothus	Santolina
Crocsmia	Day Lillies
Astilbes	Echinacea
Coreopsis	

Remember though plants are drought tolerant ONCE established and should be given some deep rooted soakings twice a week through the first growing season. When you are here feel free to ask Liisa or any of the staff for some help with perennials and other plants you may have questions for.

## TASKS AT HAND FOR THE MONTH OF JULY.

- Think about water saving tips that you can use throughout the upcoming dry months. A great website for tips on water conservation is the CRD at [www.crd.bc.ca/water/conservation](http://www.crd.bc.ca/water/conservation)
- Mulching is a great way to conserve water. It reduces evaporation and helps the soil retain the moisture.
- Keep on top of your weeding. Make sure to get the weeds before they flower and go to seed.
- Keep an eye out for pests and disease. Mildew and other problems start to show this time of year so keep a watchful eye since they are more easily treated in the beginning stages.
- Make sure during the warm/ hot days that you water your containers at least once a day. Also feed them on a regular basis usually once every two weeks with an all purpose fertilizer.
- A lot of herbs and veggies can start being harvested this month. Pick herbs at their peak time for storing in the winter.

## UP AND COMING SALES AND EVENTS

### **JULY 7**

Marigold Nurseries Rebels fastball team are holding a fundraiser at the nursery this Saturday from 10-2. We will be having a Bar-B-Q and silent auction. All the proceeds go towards sending them to the BC's in North Vancouver on August 23-26.

All silent auction items have been donated from local businesses and will be displayed throughout the fundraiser.

### **JULY 12**

Keep a look out for the super save coupon book coming out. We have a 20% off storewide coupon valid from

July 12th until August 19th. So let all your friends know to watch out for it in their mail.

If anyone has questions they would like answered please email them in and I will include the question and answer on our next newsletter. I hope everyone enjoys their summer and relaxes a little. We are open all summer long and hope to see you throughout the coming summer season!!

Sincerely,

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