

Reminders and tips for July

- Make sure birds have water in dry weather
- Keep new and young plants well watered during the summer
- Watch out for pests and diseases
- Feed and water all containers regularly
- Continue deadheading flowers as they fade
- Prune shrubs that flowered in early summer
- Take semi-ripe cuttings from shrubs
- Trim conifer hedges and take cuttings
- Summer prune wisteria
- Divide bearded irises
- Layer and take cuttings of carnations and pinks
- Disbud dahlias to get larger blooms
- Plant autumn-flowering bulbs, when available
- Transplant seedlings of biennials sown earlier
- Water vegetables regularly
- Lift new potatoes, onions and garlic
- Pinch out runner beans when they reach the top of their canes
- Pinch out outdoor tomatoes when 4 fruit trusses have formed and remove sideshoots
- Pick raspberries and currants
- Harvest herbs for drying or freezing
- Keep greenhouses well ventilated and damp down regularly
- Fill any gaps in beds and borders with bedding
- Sow the last vegetables for harvesting in autumn
- Plant out all winter brassicas