

MONTHLY TO-DO FOR JULY

July 1, 2026

- Work 2-3 inches of compost into beds for the fall season. Plant fall tomatoes! Plant transplants by mid-July for fall harvest.
- Transplant edibles such as peppers, eggplant and okra. Direct-sow black-eyed peas, cantaloupe and watermelon into the garden.
- Add heat-loving bedding plants such as lantana, purslane and zinnia, being sure to continue fertilizing them. Many perennials including natives can be planted now, as well.
- Remember any new plants will need to be watered by hand to establish. Be sure to continue to include root stimulator on all new shrub and tree plantings each month.
- Watch your watering: New plants require hand-watering. Frequently watered containers appreciate a boost of fertilizer. Audit your irrigation system to be sure plants are getting adequate water uniformly in the summer heat.
- Wildlife wants water too - check birdbaths for a clean supply, and if possible, leave small amounts in shallow saucers or stones to help butterflies, native bees, toads, and lizards.
- Check mulch levels and maintain through the hot weather. Water bare soil first, then apply 3-4 inches of mulch and lightly water again.



Selected July Events

All events are free unless noted.

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FAST CLASSES- NOW REPEATING SATURDAY & SUNDAY!

FAST Class: This Month in the Garden

Saturday, July 4·9:30 – 10:00am

FAST Class: Growing Fall Tomatoes

Sunday, July 5·10:30 – 11:00am AND 2:30 – 3:00pm

FAST Class: Hot Seasonal Color

Saturday, July 11, 2026, 9:30am – 10:00 AND

Sunday, July 12·2:30 – 3:00pm

FAST Class: Organic Mosquito Control

Sunday, July 12·10:30 – 11:00am

Orchid Society Meeting

Sunday, July 5·2:00 – 4:30pm

'Catasetum - A Dynamic Orchid' with Katherine Brown.

Summer Kid's Workshop:

Paint, Pot, and Plant

Friday, July 10·10:00 – 11:00am

\$10 per child

Bonsai Society of Dallas Meeting

Saturday, July 11·9:00am – 4:00pm

'Designing & Caring for Portulacaria afra Bonsai' with guest Gilbert Cantu.

Trash to Treasure: A Kid's Composting Workshop

With Iman Jones of Victory Gardens

Friday, July 17·9:30 – 11:00am

\$10 per child

Automatic Irrigation & Landscape Watering with Texas

A & M's Agrilife Extension Agent Anne LeSenne

Saturday, July 18·9:30 – 11:00am

Native Prairies Association of Texas Meeting

Blackland Chapter

Sunday, July 19·11:30am – 1:30pm

The Garden Friend: Book Signing, Crafting, &

Presentation with author Mary Frances Baker

Saturday, July 25·9:30am – 12:30pm, \$5 per child

The Garden Friend Sequel is Saturday, August 22nd!

Moss Ball Magic: A Kokedama Workshop

With You Grow Girl

Saturday, July 25·1:00 – 2:30pm

\$75 per person



EVENTS CALENDAR

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