

Hi Everyone,

Another hot summer. I do hope that you are able to keep-up watering your containers. It is difficult when it is so hot for us as well as for the flowers. I have been doing a lot of weeding and even without watering the weeds, they are doing very well. Remember when gardening - wear bug spray with Deet. Due to our warmer than usual winter, the ticks are out and just love to bite us. If you are bitten by a Lone Star Tick, be sure to see your doctor. This is the tick that has a white spot on it's back. I was unfortunate to be bitten by one several weeks ago and have been sick since. They carry Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Lyme Disease. If you feel that you have the flu, are super tired, have headache and joint pain, get on an antibiotic asap.

#### **Lawn:**

- Maintain a 3" height.
- Water at least a good 1" per week.
- Alternate mowing direction.

#### **Remember**

- The best time to water is in the early morning. This gives the leaves a chance to dry. Watering in the evening will cause fungus.
- Keep deadheading all spent flowers.
- Only prune-out branches or dead limbs.
- Keep weeding. It seems fruitless, but eventually they will not return. Of course, there are always new weeds to emerge in a different area.

#### **FYI**

A lovely perennial plant for the garden is: Decadence "Dutch Chocolate" False Indigo (Baptista hybrid). Blooms spring through summer in full sun and well-drained soil. Grows 30 to 36" tall to 20 to 24" wide. The plant is deer resistant. It has blue flowers with purple seed pods after bloom. A vigorous grower, be sure when you plant it, put it where you want it - does not transplant well. Needs at least 6 hours of sun a day and does not need fertilizing. A very hardy perennial, which you can probably get a good buy on now because it is almost done with its blooming, but will be ready for you for next year.

Enjoy the garden and if there are questions contact me at:  
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