



MAINTENANCE

July Tasks

August

- Some things are changing this month, but for the most part things are continuing as they did in July.
- Later in the season means plants are mature in size, harder to find hidden weeds
- Summer heat leads to deadheading and dead leafing like wild!

Maintenance – Year-Round Care of Landscape Gardens

3 MAIN CATEGORIES OF CARE:

- **PLANT CARE**
- **GENERAL GARDEN CARE**
- **PRESENTATION**



August - Maintenance

PERENNIAL PLANT CARE

Every plant, every visit

Splitting Iris:

Dig up, separate tubers, replant at the surface
Cut back foliage to 4" to keep it from flopping over

Perennials/Grasses

Plant/Replant

Deadhead

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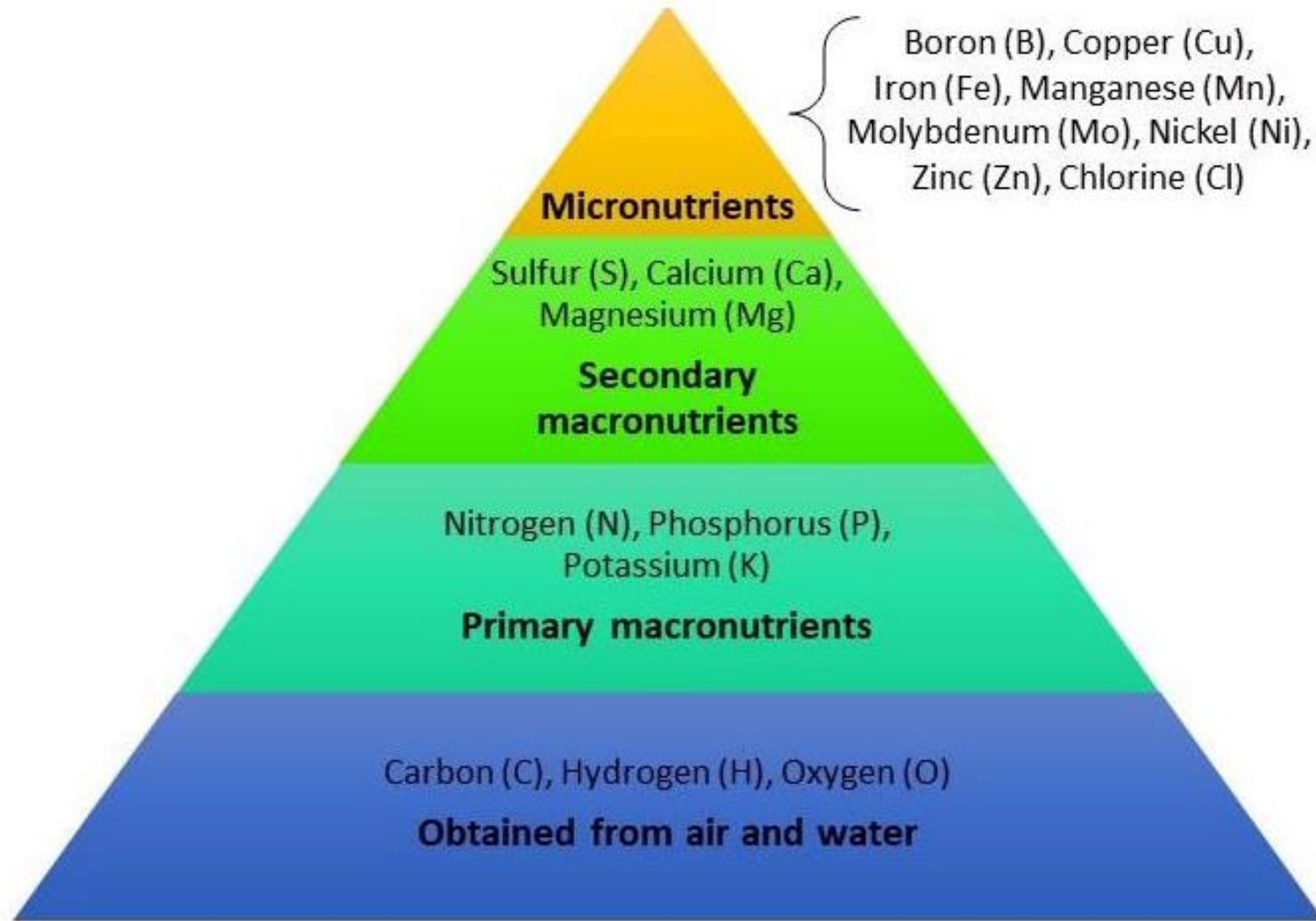
Split/Transplant

Fertilizer Pop Up!





BONUS CONTENT: FERTILIZERS



Fertilizer Basics



N

Nitrogen

- Component in chlorophyll
- Promotes shoot and leaf growth



P

Phosphorus

- Promotes cell division and new plant tissue growth
- Promotes rooting, flowering, and fruiting



K

Potassium

- Promotes overall heartiness and vigor

This is a massive generalization

Fertilizer Basics

10 – 10 – 10
N – P – K

The numbers given on the label are the percentage of the total volume of each of the three macronutrients

If you had a 100 lb. bag of fertilizer that was 10 – 10 – 10, that would mean that there is 10 lbs. of nitrogen, 10 lbs. of phosphorus, and 10 lbs. of potash in the volume. The other 70 lbs. is other material

Forms of Fertilizer

Soluble

- Dissolves in water
- Fast acting
- Short lived
 - Recommended weekly in containers
- Will burn plants if it stays on them



Granular

- Slow acting
- Long lasting
 - 2-3 months
- Safer around plant materials
 - Can still burn if caught in joints of branches or right up against root tissue





Safe use of Fertilizers

- Wear gloves
- Keep away from eyes
- Don't inhale dust
- **Don't** eat it
- Keep bags/containers sealed when not in use

Fertilizer: What's the Difference?

- All Purpose Granular
 - Long-term food for long-term growth
 - Perennial or annual planting
 - Perennial maintenance
 - All purpose, so safe to use on pretty much everything



Fertilizer: What's the Difference?

- All Purpose Soluble
 - Short-term food for fast results, it will wash away in a few days to weeks.
 - For the maintenance of annuals in ground or containers.
 - All purpose, fine to use on pretty much everything
- MUST be watered in or it can burn plant roots, leaves, and stems.



Fertilizer: What's the Difference?

- Acidic Granular
 - Specific for certain acid-loving plants
 - Azalea
 - Rhododendron
 - Evergreens
 - Turning Hydrangea *macrophylla* blue



Fertilizer: What's the Difference?

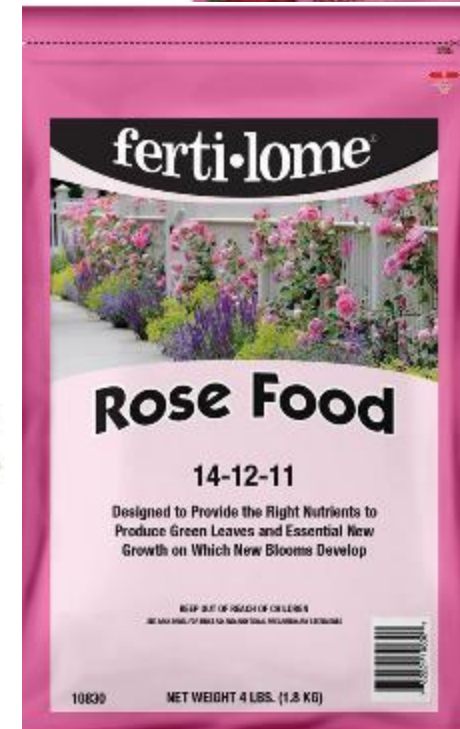
- Acidic Soluble
 - Quick release, dissolves in water immediately.
 - Annuals that need acid to support blooming
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Fertilizer: What's the Difference?

- Rose Fertilizer
 - Roses need a LOT of energy to grow and bloom well, so regular feeding is important.
 - Apply around the base of each rose from May through September.
 - Why should we stop in September?
 - Refer to package for volume to feed each plant as it is based on size of plant.



Fertilizer: What's the Difference?

- Bulb Food or Bone Meal
- Use when planting bulbs
- Apply when the foliage of spring blooming bulbs has died back to fortify them for the next season



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Acidic Soluble	Blue Powder Fast Acting	Certain annuals in containers or in ground	Water into soil
Rose Granular	Sprinkles Slow release	Around the base of established plants or in the planting hole of new roses	Mix into planting hole

Laminated
chart for
every truck!
YAY!

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August - Maintenance

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Every plant, every visit

Stop cutting back
for a second flush of
growth



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Cut back

Split/Transplant

Sunburned/spent:
Astilbe
Bleeding hearts
Columbine
Spiderwort/Dayflower
Etc..



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Spend 30 sec – 1
min per plant
ideally

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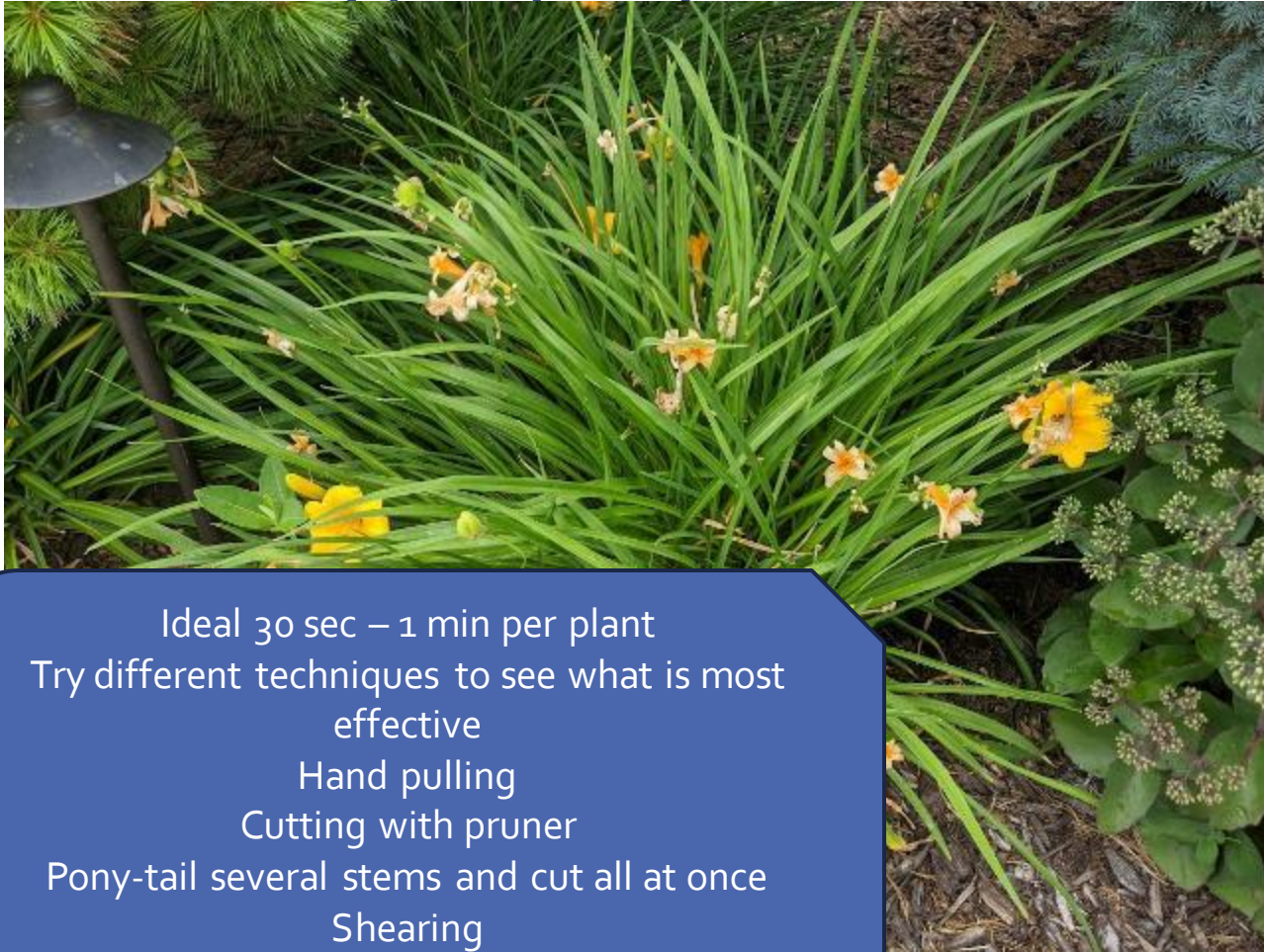
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Ideal 30 sec – 1 min per plant
Try different techniques to see what is most effective
Hand pulling
Cutting with pruner
Pony-tail several stems and cut all at once
Shearing

Perennials/Grasses

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August - Maintenance

VINE PLANT CARE

Every plant, every visit



Vines

Plant

Prune dead

Train

Deadhead

Fertilize

Deadleaf



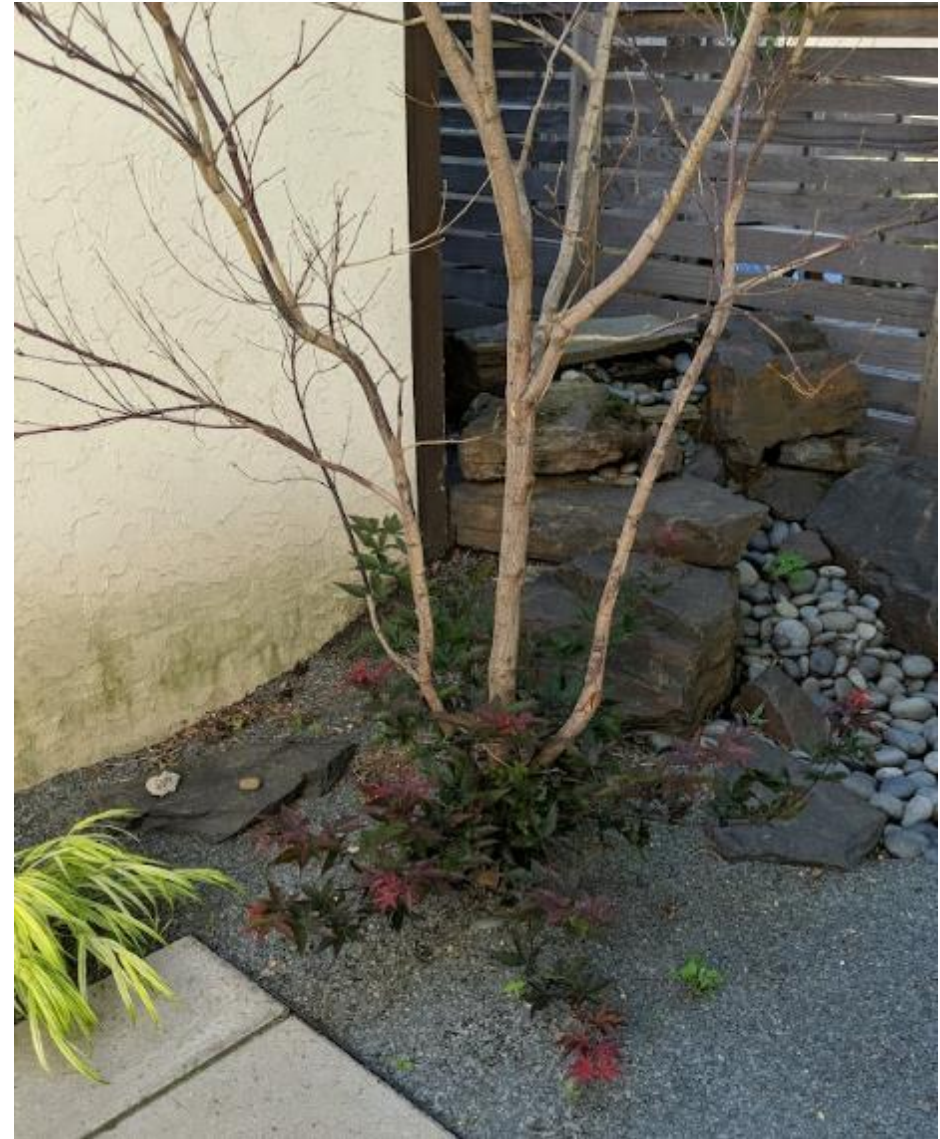
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SHRUB/TREE PLANT CARE

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Drop it or chop it
if it's dead



Ornamental Trees

Prune dead

Prune

Fertilize

Plant

Limb up



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Prune off suckers
from tree trunks
and bases

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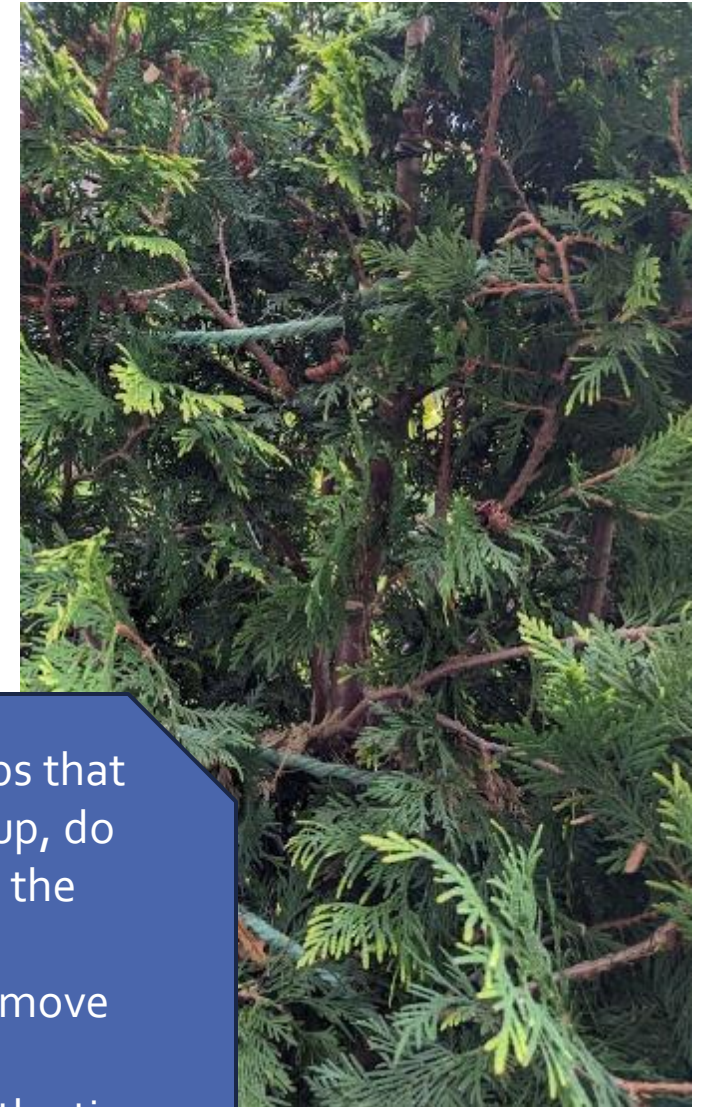
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Shrubs/Evergreens

Prune / Shear
Deadleaf/needle
Plant
Aerate
Deadhead
Fertilize

Shearing
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Assess any shrubs that have been tied up, do they still need the support?
If they don't, remove

If they do, adjust the ties so that they don't stay in exactly the same spot, which can over time cause damage.



BONUS CONTENT: Pruner Maintenance

Store it clean and dry

Use lube daily

Sharpen regularly

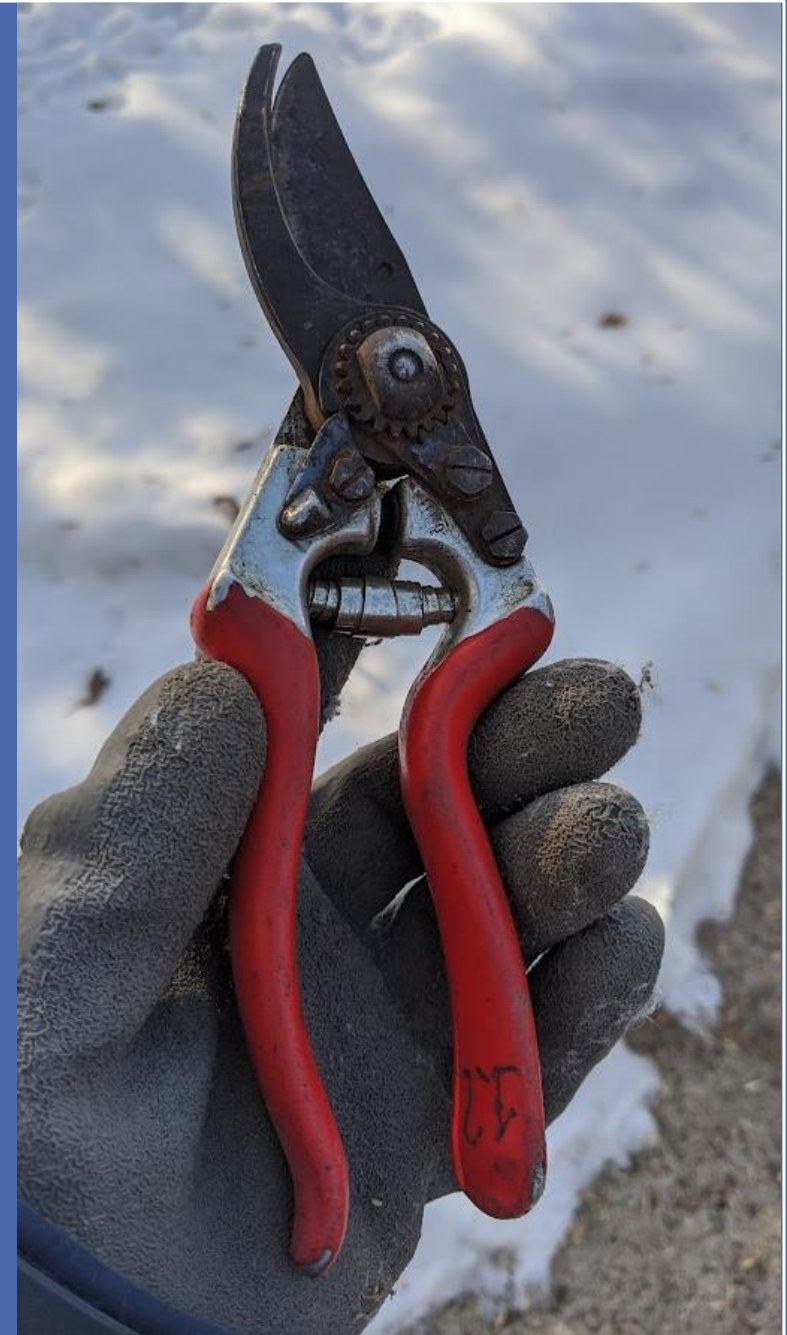
Sharpening stone in the glove box

Tighten or loosen nuts as needed

Pruner key on truck keys

Wrench in hanging tool pouch

*Same applies to all by-pass blades. Pruner, Lopper, Shears.



BONUS CONTENT: Mattock, Shovel Maintenance

- Use the large sharpener in the saw drawer on these flat blades
- Why not use them on bypass blades?

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ANNUALS, ETC. PLANT CARE

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Pinching back plants that are overtaking their neighbors so that balance and design can be maintained.

Annuals/Veggies/Herbs/Bulbs

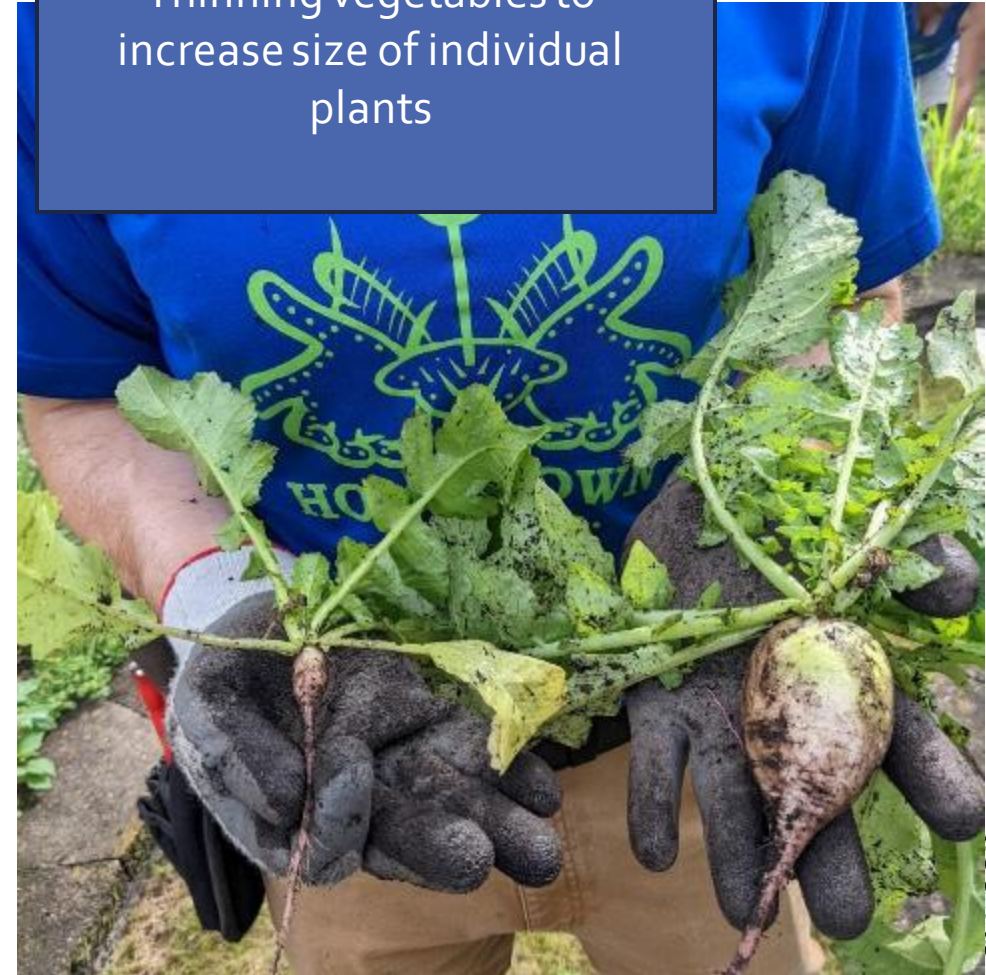
Deadhead/Deadleaf

Fertilize

Harvest

Pinch

Thinning vegetables to increase size of individual plants



Containers

Deadhead spent blooms

Deadleaf damaged
leaves

Fertilize with soluble
fertilizer, water in

Pinch “Thriller” plants

Pinch “Filler” plants

Pinch “Spiller” plants

Rotate container if
possible/makes sense

Clean off the exterior of
the container,
sweep/blow debris away.



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GENERAL GARDEN CARE

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Challenges with midsummer weeding:

- ID
- Size
- Location
- Quantity

Potential Solutions:

- Process of elimination
 - Know what does/doesn't belong
- Thoroughness
 - Check in, under, around every plant
- Right tool for the job
 - Start with bigger tools first





Approach to weeding
in this garden:

- Identify what belongs
- Remove everything else
- Keep spacing tidy and consistent

A photograph of a garden scene. In the foreground, there is a large, dense patch of green grass. To the right, there is a garden bed with various plants, including tall green grasses and a large, bushy green plant. The background shows more garden beds with different types of plants and a wooden fence or border. A large blue star-shaped overlay is positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the image, containing white text.

Approach to weeding in this garden:

- Identify what belongs
- Remove everything else
- Watch for what's creeping in from the edges
 - BIG SHOVELS



Approach to weeding in
this garden:

- Look in, under,
alongside every plant
- Identify what belongs
- Remove everything else



Approach to weeding
in this garden:

- Remove what you know doesn't belong
 - Dandelion
 - Thistle
 - Bellflower
- Tree seedlings
- Others...

What is similar
about these?

What is different?



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Pest/Disease
Monitor
Treat



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GENERAL GARDEN CARE

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Soil

Amend

Fill holes

Redistribute

Mulch

Redistribute

Add





**Yeah, because actually...
my job...**

it's just

MULCH

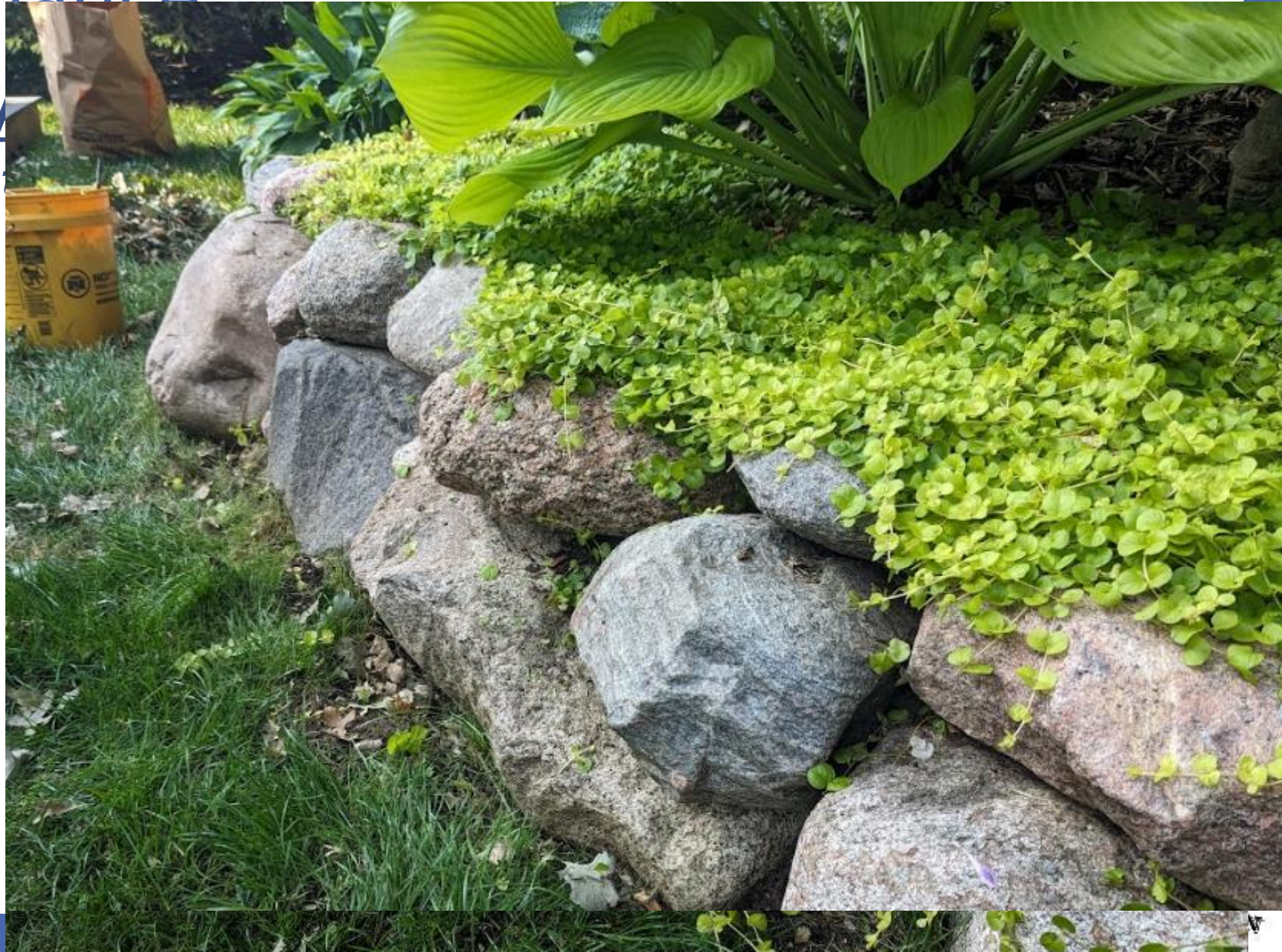
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GENERAL GARDEN

Every element

Hardscape

Uncover edges





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GENERAL GARDEN CARE

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Edges

Rake

Other

Remove debris

Pick up sticks, etc.



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PRESENTATION

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General Aesthetics

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Tools removed

Debris bags stacked neatly

Trash picked up



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