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Apply Mulch

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Apply a mulch of grass clippings, clean straw or ground corn cobs between your vegetable rows after a rain or irrigation in mid-July. University extension specialists say this will reduce the need for cultivation, conserve moisture and keep the vegetables clean.

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Planting Bearded Iris

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Bearded iris may be planted in late July in well-drained, sunny locations. Also, Oriental Poppies are ready for dividing and re-setting by mid-summer.

Silver Mount Artemesia, one of the gray sage plants, is an excellent contrast to bright flowering perennials. It can be bought in pots and added to the border any cool afternoon. Don't stint on watering after re-planting.

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Rhubarb

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Remove seedstalks from rhubarb when they appear to prevent a drain on food reserves for next year's crop. Remember to stop cutting rhubarb by mid-July.

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July Garden Care

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July garden care should include protecting ornamental plants from pests such as spider mites, aphids and tarnished plant bugs.

Select garden chemicals for controlling these insects by carefully reading labels and apply exactly as directed. Methoxychlor (meth-ox-i-chlor) is preferred for controlling plant bugs. Use Malathion (mala-theye-on) for aphids and other sucking insects and Kelthane (kel-thane) for mite control on ornamental plants.

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Apple Maggot Time

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July is apple maggot time in Minnesota. University specialists say several good sprays are available, including Sevin and Diazinon (die-a-si-non). Apply the sprays at seven to 10-day intervals.

During some seasons the maggot flies lay eggs as late as frost or harvest time.

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Rose And Mum Care

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Roses and chrysanthemums should be well watered weekly and fertilized once during July.

Starved and droughty (draw-tee) plants won't produce the fine flush of bloom expected from both of these favorites in August and September. Don't pinch mums now, because blossom buds must begin to form in mid-summer.

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