

GREEN Growing: Dog Days of August? Plan a Garden!



August, with its heat and humidity, is a time for slowing down. Did you know that August is also the perfect time to plan your garden? It may seem like an oxymoron but read on to see the logic behind this statement.

Mid to late September is a great time to plant. The temperature starts to cool, and plants put in the ground in the early fall have lots of time to establish roots before the bitter winter cold temporarily ends their growth spurt. September and October are also ideal months for planting spring bulbs. Bulbs should be planted before Veteran's Day (November 11), and your upfront work will pay off with the reward of early spring blooms after a long, grey winter. Perform an internet search for 'Spring Bulbs' to find numerous online vendors of bulbs.

Planning a native garden creates beauty for us and provides immeasurable benefits to threatened pollinators and other animals. Native plants require less work, water, and care than other types of plants. So, given a choice, please consider our beautiful native plants, shrubs and trees.

Click [here](#) for a wealth of information on how to get started, including proven garden designs.

Have fun dreaming and planning!

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