

## GARDENING NOTES FOR JULY

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The month of July can be hot and dry, so it is important to keep plants well watered, whatever the water authority deem to allow.

Bedding plants should be doing well by now, although a foliar feed may be advantageous, and remember to keep dead heading where possible. Sweet peas also should be doing well at this time, but keep side shoots nipped out and water frequently, besides feeding with foliar feed.

It is best if lawns should be kept well cut, although not too low a cut if the weather remains dry. Bulbs should be lifted during this month, dried and stored in a cool dry place.

Tomatoes should be fully out by now, so nip side shoots out and if the fruit is set, give them a feed with a high potash feed. July is the time to stop fuchsia plants and use the stoppings for cuttings. It will take 6 weeks from stopping for the original plants to start flowering.