



in the
Garden

**JULY
EDITION**

- Protect the bees! Use beneficial bugs instead of chemical insecticides and/or spray chemical insecticides late in the day. Ask a gardener about beneficial bugs kept near the registers.
- Irrigate warm season lawns in the summer months. Fertilize now and help your lawn reach its full potential.
- Fertilize annuals, bedding plants and vegetables this time of year, as they are prone to nutrient deficiencies. We recommend an organic fertilizer like Plant-Tone.
- Manage climbing vines beginning to take off this time of year with a trellis or obelisk.
- Watch for powdery mildew common on plants in early summer. Powdery mildew is a disease with characteristics of a white film that develops on plants, such as phlox, roses and crape myrtles. Treat powdery mildew and prune off infected leaves, apply a fungicide (ask our gardeners), and dispose of fallen leaves in winter.
- Prune off dead rose blossoms to encourage new blooms and keep roses looking fresh and healthy.
- Use organic animal and pest repellent from I Must Garden in liquid and granular varieties and keep snakes, deer, ants and others pests at a distance.
- Stake lanky perennials like Crocosmia.
- Pick out a new house plant from our lofty selection of low, medium and high light plants.
- Planning a road trip? Enlist someone to water your house plants, gardens and lawn or consider installing an irrigation system to keep plants watered and thriving while you are away.