



Gardening Tips for August 2025

1. HYDRANGEAS.

It is a bit TOO LATE to try changing their colour – blue to pink or vice versa. Adding aluminium sulphate helps them turn blue (acid soil ph 5-5.5) while alkaline soils (6.5-7 ph) encourages pink tones. Needed to be done in autumn. (White varieties do not change colour). (www.housedigest.com)

2. VEGETABLE GARDEN.

Any remaining winter vegetables should be removed now. Hot weather coarsens the leaves and makes them more bitter. Prepare beds for planting lettuce, tomato, pumpkin, eggplant, leek, capsicum, carrot, parsley, beetroot, basil and cabbage among other seeds. (www.mrfothergills.com.au)

3. SUMMER COLOUR.

Prepare garden beds for summer colour with new compost and fertilisers then plant seeds of alyssum, Californi poppy, carnation, snapdragon, cosmos, forget-me-not, marigolds are among the annuals to plant in August for summer colour. (www.mrfothergills.com.au)

4. PONDS.

Late August is the time to start dividing and repotting waterlilies, lotus and similar water plants to promote flowering. Waterlilies need at least 6 hours of full sun but perform best with 8-10 hours. Re-pot every 2 years if you fertilise well but otherwise every year. (www.shuncy.com)

5. ORCHIDS.

Orchids will begin flowering in the next few weeks so leave alone. The best time to divide is when new growth begins in the spring AFTER BLOOMING has completed and as new growth starts to appear . (www.stonepostgardens.com)