

Clallam County Gardening Calendar



July

Irrigate garden as needed; water slowly and deeply early in the morning or late in the afternoon. Apply 2 to 3 inches of mulch to beds to conserve moisture.

Vegetables

- Pull out finished crops; replenish soil with compost.
- For a fall/winter garden, direct seed broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, kale, leeks, onions, and peas by mid-month and arugula, beets, chard, greens (Asian and mustard), lettuce, radishes, spinach, and turnips by end of month. (See recommended varieties on back.)
- Stop watering garlic as it naturally starts to dry and harvest when 4 or 5 leaves are still green.
- Remove suckers from tomatoes; watch for signs of late blight and remove and destroy infected plants. Stop fertilizing tomatoes by end of month.

Fruit trees

- Thin plums to one fruit 2-4 inches apart on a branch; thin apples and pears to 1 to 2 fruits per cluster spaced 6-8 inches apart on a branch.
- Support fruit tree branches that are heavily loaded.
- Remove water-sprouts and suckers.

Berries

- Renovate June-bearing strawberries (not day neutral or everbearing varieties). Cut foliage to 2-3 inches above crown and discard. Clean up and remove weak, old, and crowded plants. Narrow rows to 8-12 inches wide and fertilize with 5-10-10.
- Top first-year canes of erect and semi-erect (not trailing) blackberries to 3-4 feet high, respectively.
- Continue organic fertilizing regimen for blueberries (1 Tbsp. fish emulsion in 1 cup water per bush) at beginning of month. (No ammonium sulfate in July.)
- Provide all berries 1-2 inches of water a week.
- Cover plants with net to protect against critters.

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Locally recommended fall/winter vegetable varieties:

- Arugula – Dragon’s Tongue, Roquette, Speedy, Sylvetta
- Beets – Chioggia, Detroit Dark Red, Early Wonder Tall Top, Touchstone Gold
- Broccoli – Aspacroc and Thompson; Purple Sprouting (overwintering)
- Cabbage – Early Jersey Wakefield, Golden Acre, Gonzales; Famosa, January King, Storage No. 4 (overwintering)
- Carrots – Bolero, Danvers Half Long, Red Core Chantenay
- Cauliflower – Amazing, Olympic
- Chard – Bright Lights, Fordhook Giant, Perpetual
- Greens (Asian and mustards) – Mizuna, Pac Choi, Red Kingdom, Tah Tsai, Wasabina
- Kale – Curled Scot, Nero Di Toscana, Red Russian
- Leeks – Bleu de Solaise, Giant Musselburgh, Lancelot, Zermatt
- Lettuce – Arctic Tundra Blend, Continuity, Rouge D’Hiver, Winter Density; Arctic King (overwintering)
- Onions – Ailsa Craig, Patterson
- Peas – Alaska, Avalanche, Canoe, Cascadia, Green Arrow
- Radish – China Rose, Dragon, Runder Schwarzer Winter; Daikon (overwintering)
- Spinach – Bloomsdale Savoy, Giant Winter, Olympia
- Turnips – Hakurei, Purple Top White Globe

For more information on fall and winter gardening, see “Fall and Winter Vegetable Gardening in the Pacific Northwest” (PNW 548) catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/pnw548

Plant Clinics

You can submit gardening questions to Clallam County Master Gardeners in the following ways:

- **In-person:**
Clallam County Courthouse in Port Angeles on Mondays, 9:30 am-12:30 pm, through October
Woodcock Demonstration Garden in Sequim on selected Saturdays (July 15, August 19, and September 16), 9:30 am-12:30 pm
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