MONTHLY GARDEN CALENDAR

JULY
(Usually the Rainy Season)

Remove unproductive plants to let soil rest

- **Maintenance/Prune**: Complete pruning azalea/gardenia early in month. Hydrangeas, in a few weeks. Trim palm seed stalks/dead fronds. Continue Hurricane preparations

- **Plant**:
  - Vegetables: Okra, sweet potatoes, and Southern peas. Plant seeds for tomato, eggplants and peppers.
  - Annuals: coleus, creeping zinnia, globe amaranth, wax begonias, torenia.
  - Perennials: Periwinkle, moss rose, purslane and verbena

- **Bulbs/Rhizomes/Tubers**: Butterfly lilies, ginger

- **Watch for**: Mole crickets, chinch bugs, caterpillars, root rot, aphids, slugs, snails, white flies, garden flea hoppers, grasshoppers, stink bugs, leaf spot, lace bugs, fruit flies

- **Lawn**: Yellowing-use a chelated iron-only on Bahia/St. Augustine

- **Shrubs**: Plant new shrubs, maintain existing.

- **Water**: Only as needed and early in the morning.

- **Fertilize**: Continue normal schedule for crops. Zoysia and Bermuda grasses need slow-release fertilizer nitrogen

- **Trees/Citrus**: Plant lemon/lime. Add crape myrtle or other flowering trees to landscape if desired

- **Tropical/Temperate Fruits**: Plant avocados, figs, mango

- **Planning**: Plan for next growing season (August). Get seeds ready to start