

Gardening Checklist for July

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Webworms are insect pests that produce a spider-like maze of webs that envelope leaves near the tips of branches. While they prefer mulberry and pecan, webworms will feed on a wide variety of other landscape trees and shrubs.

The last days of June ended with an abundance of rainfall and a few mornings with surprisingly cooler temperatures.

July has arrived and that means that the year is about half over and the days are getting shorter. It also means that the warm temperatures of summer have set in for sure.

Most of us put our gardens into a holding pattern in July. We just try to keep the bugs and weeds at bay and to keep cool. Here's your gardening checklist for July.

TALLER LAWNS: Check the cutting height of your lawn mower. During the heat of Gulf Coast summers, consider raising the lawn

mower blade to a higher setting. The higher the cutting height, the less lawn grass is stressed resulting in a healthier lawn.

SALVIAS: Re-blooming salvias, such as *Salvia greggii* and *S. farinacea*, should be pruned back periodically during the summer. To make the



