

- **TRASH** can become artistic treasure in the garden. Can you be creative with repurposed odds and ends? Give it a try. The recycle bin is nearby when ingenuity fails.
- **PLANT** drought tolerant perennials such as pentstemon, agastache, yarrow, blanket flower, lamb's ear, Echinacea, lavender, Russian sage and sedum.
- **DRY** herbs before they go to seed. Cilantro (coriander), dill, fennel, parsley and mint are welcome ingredients in winter cuisine when the fresh herbs are not available.
- **PERUSE** bulb catalogues to determine what you want to order or locally buy to plant in the fall. Narcissus, tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, anemones and more will be available in a month.
- **WATCH** out for errant sparks from fire pits, barbecues, candles, and tiki torches. It's fire season all year! Make sure the perimeter of your house is brush and weed free providing a safety zone and firebreak.
- **INVOLVE** your children in maintaining the vegetable garden. They will want to eat what they grow as summer snacks. Once school commences, they'll be proud to pack a healthy lunch that they grew themselves.
- **SAVE** seeds from marigolds, hollyhocks, cosmos and other annuals as their summer life span ends. Next spring, plant these seeds for another display of splendor.
- **SAVOR** the sweet days of August whether you are at home or away. Lounge by the pool, curl up on the chaise with a great book, water ski, visit a botanical garden, hike in the hills, or roast some marshmallows! Have fun!

Carry your beautiful world with you. Mother Nature rules!

Happy Gardening and happy growing.



Cynthia Brian in the Shasta Daisies

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