



# August Garden Checklist (Zone 5b)

## **Deadheading & Pruning**

- Deadhead roses (cut to five-leaf set)
  - Deadhead Shasta daisies
  - Shape rose bushes for airflow
  - Remove spent blooms across garden
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## **Managing Growth**

- Cut back aggressive plants (e.g., Joe-Pye weed)
  - Create space for light and airflow
  - Trim back overgrown vines like clematis
  - Keep pathways clear
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## **Mid-Season Cleanup**

- Cut back tired perennials
  - Tidy collapsed plants (like salvia)
  - Remove dead or dying foliage
  - Lightly weed visible problem areas
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## **Dividing & Transplanting**

- Divide daylilies
  - Transplant to fill gaps
  - Water deeply after planting
  - Water original plant locations
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## **Garden Adjustments**

- Relocate plants in the wrong conditions
  - Move shade lovers out of full sun
  - Reassess garden layout and balance
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## **Pest & Wildlife Awareness**

- Check for rabbit damage
  - Observe insect activity (ants, etc.)
  - Avoid unnecessary intervention where possible
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## **What NOT to Do**

- Don't cut everything to ground level
- Don't over-fertilize in heat
- Don't ignore watering after transplanting