



2017
JULY

This eye-popping member of the lily family makes a dramatic statement in the late spring to early summer perennial garden. The large round umbel of individual flowers appear on a flower stalk that can reach 3 to 4 feet tall! The lilac to purple flowers are individually small, about a half inch wide, but the ball of flowers itself can span 4 inches wide. Plant the bulbs in groups in the back of flower beds to create the best effect, as the foliage disappears by the time flowering occurs. Giant onion likes full sun, well drained soils, and is hardy to Zone 4. It also makes an excellent cut flower for indoor bouquets.

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<p>JUNE</p> <p>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT</p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p> <p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24</p> <p>25 26 27 28 29 30</p>		<p>AUGUST</p> <p>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p>13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27 28 29 30 31</p>										<p>1 Sunrise 5:15 Sunset 8:27</p> <p>To properly thin seedlings, follow the directions on the seed package.</p>	
<p>2 Sunrise 5:15 Sunset 8:27</p> <p>Keep newly planted plants watered during dry weather, allowing water to penetrate deeply into the soil.</p>		<p>3 Sunrise 5:16 Sunset 8:27</p> <p>Apply mulch around young plants to help conserve soil moisture and control weeds.</p>		<p>4 Sunrise 5:16 Sunset 8:27 Independence Day</p> <p>Protect blueberries from birds by draping a net over the bushes.</p>		<p>5 Sunrise 5:17 Sunset 8:27</p> <p>Let a few plants of cilantro and dill go to full maturity as they will self-seed.</p>		<p>6 Sunrise 5:18 Sunset 8:26</p> <p>A good guideline for watering lawns is to apply 1 inch of water in a single application per week.</p>		<p>7 Sunrise 5:18 Sunset 8:26</p> <p>Cool-season grasses go dormant and turn brown if not watered during hot, dry summers.</p>		<p>8 Sunrise 5:19 Sunset 8:25</p> <p>Make sure potato tubers, carrot shoulders and onions are covered with soil or mulch to prevent development of green color.</p>	
<p>9 Sunrise 5:20 Sunset 8:25 ● Full Moon</p> <p>Watch for Japanese beetles feeding on leaves of plants.</p>		<p>10 Sunrise 5:20 Sunset 8:25</p> <p>Small infestations of Japanese beetles can be controlled by handpicking in early morning or late evening.</p>		<p>11 Sunrise 5:21 Sunset 8:24</p> <p>Harvest crops regularly to keep things tidy and encourage further production.</p>		<p>12 Sunrise 5:22 Sunset 8:24</p> <p>After harvesting broccoli heads allow the plants to produce side shoots to extend the harvest.</p>		<p>13 Sunrise 5:23 Sunset 8:23</p> <p>Keep the garden weeded.</p>		<p>14 Sunrise 5:23 Sunset 8:22</p> <p>Don't allow weeds to go to seed.</p>		<p>15 Sunrise 5:24 Sunset 8:22</p> <p>Early morning is the best time to water vegetable and flower gardens to reduce evaporation loss.</p>	
<p>16 Sunrise 5:25 Sunset 8:21 ● Last Quarter Moon</p> <p>Don't forget hanging baskets and containers. They need careful attention to watering and feeding during dry and hot weather.</p>		<p>17 Sunrise 5:26 Sunset 8:20</p> <p>Don't mow if the lawn is under severe drought stress.</p>		<p>18 Sunrise 5:27 Sunset 8:20</p> <p>Spray undersides of lacebug-infested <i>Pieris</i> leaves with horticultural oil.</p>		<p>19 Sunrise 5:28 Sunset 8:19</p> <p>Lawn clippings and plants that are ready to be recycled can be used for compost.</p>		<p>20 Sunrise 5:29 Sunset 8:18</p> <p>Check leafy vegetables for caterpillars and tomatoes for hornworms. Pick them as they appear or apply Bt (<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i>) if necessary.</p>		<p>21 Sunrise 5:30 Sunset 8:17</p> <p>Remove dead or diseased plants from the garden on a regular basis to prevent further spread of disease.</p>		<p>22 Sunrise 5:31 Sunset 8:16</p> <p>Keep birdfeeders and baths cleaned and replenished. Change water frequently to avoid mosquitoes.</p>	
<p>23 Sunrise 5:31 Sunset 8:15 ● New Moon</p> <p>Remember to stake tomato plants as necessary.</p>		<p>24 Sunrise 5:32 Sunset 8:15</p> <p>Pick green beans when they are small and tender</p>		<p>25 Sunrise 5:33 Sunset 8:14</p> <p>Dead head (pick off the spent flowers) of annuals and perennials, as soon as flowers fade.</p>		<p>26 Sunrise 5:34 Sunset 8:13</p> <p>Fertilize plants in the cutting garden to encourage more flowering.</p>		<p>27 Sunrise 5:35 Sunset 8:12</p> <p>Wildlife tend to feed more heavily on vegetable crops during dry seasons when little water is available.</p>		<p>28 Sunrise 5:36 Sunset 8:11</p> <p>Blossom end rot is a symptom of calcium deficiency and can also be a sign of erratic watering.</p>		<p>29 Sunrise 5:37 Sunset 8:10</p> <p>Interveinal yellowing of lower leaves on tomatoes is due to deficiency of magnesium; use Epsom salt to supply magnesium.</p>	
<p>30 Sunrise 5:38 Sunset 8:08 ● First Quarter Moon</p> <p>Don't compost diseased plants or lawn clippings treated with herbicide.</p>		<p>31 Sunrise 5:39 Sunset 8:07</p> <p>Cultivate garden soil if it is crusty to allow water penetration.</p>											