How Can My Landscape Survive the Heat?

Are you having trouble keeping your lawn green from the heat and humidity? Are your trees and plants wilting away this summer? We have some tips that will help your lawn stay greener and your plants grow tall and colorful.

**DO’S & DON’TS**

**July DO’s**
- Prune roses to encourage fall blooms
- Cut back of annual flowers such as Angelonia and petunias
- Constantly guard against bugs and pests in your yard

**July DON’Ts**
- Avoid planting new plants
- Avoid watering and applying chemicals to plant leaves during the day as this could lead to leaf burn.

**What’s Blooming**
- Crepe Myrtle
- Roses
- Hydrangeas
- Magnolia Trees
- Vitex
- Gardenia
Water your lawn longer in the early morning or at night. This will allow the roots to grow deeper and help your lawn become more drought tolerant.

Adjusting your mower height in growing season is important. Keeping your grass higher during hot weather will help reduce the stress in your turf.

Mulching is a great benefit because of its ability to retain moisture in the soil. It also helps reduce the amount of weeds in your garden.

AquaSmart are tiny sponges that absorb water allowing your lawn to stay greener while watering less.

... AND 1 MORE TIP

Make sure you get all your Azaleas pruned by the middle of July. This will allow new stems to grow and buds to set for a beautiful spring bloom.