



HEAT WAVE GARDEN CARE

What to do — and what to leave alone — while the triple digits hold



DO THIS NOW

- ◆ Deadhead spent blooms
- ◆ Snip a broken stem
- ◆ Light, gentle grooming
- ◆ Pull weeds
- ◆ Water deeply at the soil
- ◆ Mulch to hold moisture



LEAVE THIS ALONE

- ◆ Hard cutback or heavy pruning
- ◆ Pruning to “force” new growth
- ◆ Removing scorched leaves
- ◆ Fertilizing
- ◆ Transplanting or dividing
- ◆ Spraying, even organic treatments

As a rule of thumb: never cut off more than 20% of the plant — anything more adds stress it doesn't need right now.