



## Prepare For Back to School

**Back To School Shopping:** Get your kids involved in back to school shopping and it won't seem like such a chore. Set spending limits for items such as clothing, shoes and backpacks and allow them to pick out what they like best, whether online or in a store. By doing this early, you'll avoid long lines at stores and anxiety at home in the days before classes commence. If your child must wear a uniform, make sure they have what they need before the first day. And don't forget to set up a comfortable home study space if they will be distance learning.

**Create a Message Center:** Life can be chaotic during the school year with all those online class meetings, sports practices and rehearsals. Create a message center so everyone in the family can keep track of schedules and appointments. You can build a home message center or purchase one that is ready to go.

**Stock up on Supplies:** Whether you homeschool your child or send them off to a private or public school, there's a good chance they'll need some supplies. Many schools provide a list of everything your child will need. Stock up on pencils, erasers, markers and rulers now so they are ready to go on day one. And keep your school supplies organized so you can find everything when you need them.

**Create a Backpack Station:** Set up a backpack and coat station. This can be installed in an entryway or mudroom as a designated spot for kids to hang their belongings when they come home each day. It can also help cut down on clutter.

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## FREE Paper Shredding Event

**DATE:** Saturday, Sept. 9 from 10-Noon

**LOCATION:** 7275 S Broadway, Littleton, CO 80122

**South Suburban Church Parking Lot**

The event starts at 10:00 AM and ends at noon or until the truck is full. You can line up in the car line before 10:00, but it will not be possible to "drop off" your items in the parking lot before the event starts. The truck arrives right at 10:00. See you then! Questions? Contact Kyla at [kylahammondrealty@gmail.com](mailto:kylahammondrealty@gmail.com)



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## Brake Safety Week, August 20-26

Brake Safety Week is an annual commercial motor vehicle brake-safety inspection, enforcement, and education initiative conducted by law enforcement jurisdictions in Canada, Mexico, and the U.S.

## Back To School, *continued from front page*

**Get a Lap Desk:** A lap desk is perfect for doing school assignments on the go. It can function as a laptop stand, travel desk, breakfast table, kids study desk and much

more. There's also extra storage space under the desktop. And the legs fold in flat, making these trays easy to store and portable. It's the perfect accessory for your school technology.

**Prepare For Morning:** Now's the time to prepare for those hectic early mornings. Get in the habit now of making lunches the night before. About two weeks before school starts, have your children go to bed a little earlier each night and wake up to an alarm clock..

**Get An Insulated Lunch Box:** Back to school also means packing your child's lunch each morning. This insulated lunch box will keep everything cool (or warm) until they're ready to eat.

**Make Sure Work is Completed:** Was your child assigned school work to complete over the summer? Make sure they've done their reading and any summer homework packets.

**Choose Outfits:** Have your child lay out his or her clothes that they plan to wear the night before. Not only will this make mornings less chaotic, but it may even help cut down on your laundry throughout the week.

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## Mid-Year Real Estate Market Update

	SINGLE FAMILY HOMES	CONDOS AND TOWNHOMES
<b>Number of Homes Closed</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>1,573</b>
<b>Average List Price</b>	<b>\$735,567</b>	<b>\$388,122</b>
<b>Average Closed Price</b>	<b>\$742,002</b>	<b>\$388,370</b>
<b>Average Days on Market</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Average Closed Price to Original List Price</b>	<b>98.05%</b>	<b>98.82%</b>

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# August Gardening Calendar

By Eileen Tully, Colorado Master Gardener, CSU

As gardeners, we enter a slower, more easy-going phase in the garden process. There's always something to do in the garden but we don't need to keep up the frenetic pace of planting-mulching-weeding that April and May demand. June's blooms may have faded, but with proper pruning some may make a reappearance in August. July's heat is over and there's still a lot of summer left.



In August harvesting our gardening efforts has begun, but we can take time to do it right, even enjoy the process. If we pay attention, August presents a wisdom not available any other time of year. The garden is maturing now. We can see our mistakes, our successes, and the intrusions on our efforts that nature presents on her own. In August there's time to look around and appreciate the garden...and then get back to work.

## MAJOR CHORES FOR AUGUST

### Vegetables:

- Plant spinach and lettuce mid-month for a fall harvest.
- Harvest cucumbers intended for slicing when they are 6 to 8 inches.
- Onions are ready to harvest when their green tops fall over. Lift the bulbs and brush off loose soil. Bring them to a protected area like a porch or covered shed. Lay them out in a single layer on a surface that permits ventilation top and bottom. When the outer skins have turned papery place them in a mesh bag or old panty hose and place them in a dark and cool place.

- Peppers can be harvested anytime they achieve the size you need or want.
- Water tomatoes regularly until late August. After that, fruit will ripen more quickly when water is withheld.
- After harvesting and areas become empty sow cover crops, like annual rye grass, often called green manure, to build garden soil.

### Lawn:

- Begin lawn renovation and repair. Build up low areas with garden soil and over-seed areas that are thin or bare.
- Attack persistent weeds like bindweed with a 2, 4-D product. But the ultimate goal is to grow a thick healthy turf that will choke out weeds.

### Garden:

- Newly planted perennials, trees and shrubs need consistent watering to get established.
- Fertilize roses for the last time around August 15th. Fertilizing later may stimulate new succulent growth that could damage the plant if there is an early frost.
- Divide spring blooming perennials if needed. Ways to tell if a perennial needs to be divided is if the plant has a 'hole' in the middle and doesn't look as attractive as it used to, if blooms decrease or stop altogether or if the plant is crowding out neighboring plants.

Take advantage of plant sales. Usually starting mid-to-late-August and into September many nurseries will have plants sales with prices as much as 50% off.

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## 10 Things To Do Before School Starts

Soak up the last few weeks of summer with these fun family outings. As you prepare to say goodbye to summer vacation, consider what is left on your list of things to do before school begins. Take a break from back-to-school shopping with these 10 fun ideas. Make the final days and weeks of summer memorable.

- 1. Take a hike.** Set aside a day for a kid-friendly hike, such as St. Mary's Glacier. For added fun, pack a lunch to enjoy at the top while you chat with your children about what they loved best about their summer.
- 2. Camp out.** Camping with little ones takes advanced planning, so aim for simple, carefree camping fun in your backyard. Invite a friend or two and play a game of tag with flashlights when it gets dark. Roast hot dogs and marshmallows in an outdoor fire pit or over the grill. Snuggle up under the stars, point out constellations or play a game of "would you rather" with your kids.
- 3. Bike along Platte River.** There are 28 miles of trail along the Platte River for families to enjoy together, whether you tackle the whole length or just a short portion of it. It's an outing filled with exercise and fresh air, and you can stop along the way as much as you like. Start the trail at the REI Denver flagship store and make your way through Denver to enjoy the city from a different perspective.
- 4. Check out a Rockies game.** Spend a day rooting for the home team. With Rockpile tickets priced so low, there's no reason not to head to the ballpark for a hot dog and some action-packed baseball with the whole family.
- 5. Catch a sunrise.** Whether you're peering over Lookout Mountain, posted up at Red Rocks Amphitheatre, driving up Guanella Pass, or cozied in your own backyard, a sunrise in

Colorado is one of the most wonderful beauties to witness. Wake your kids up early just one morning (if they aren't already up) to share in the first light of the day. Just think, maybe they'll go to bed early that night, and you'll be on your way to an earlier bedtime schedule for school.

- 6. Pick some fruit.** August is the month for sweet strawberries and red raspberries at Berry Patch Farms in Brighton. Load up the car with the entire crew and head out into the fields to pick fresh berries.
- 7. Take a sunset stroll.** Walk around any of the metro area's beautiful parks in the evening. Choose one with a playground so the kids can play until the sun sets, then stop and admire the last rays as a family. It's a great time to share hopes for the next school year, too.
- 8. Spend the day at a mountain resort.** The winter slopes transform into family-friendly playgrounds each summer, with a plethora of activities the entire crew can enjoy. From scenic chairlift rides to hiking trails and alpine slides, there's a little something for everyone.
- 9. Drive up Trail Ridge Road.** Spend the day enjoying everything that Rocky Mountain National Park has to offer, including hiking around Bear Lake and searching for elk herds. Make the drive up Trail Ridge Road to stand above the treeline and gaze over miles and miles of mountains and sky. Let the kids take their best photos along the way. You must make a reservation to get into Rocky Mountain National Park.
- 10. Ride the Georgetown Loop.** A scenic ride on an old mining railroad is an exceptional way to close out the summer with your family. The Georgetown Loop takes reservations online, and for an additional fee, you can enjoy a tour of a mine while learning about the history of gold mining in Colorado.

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# Emerald Ash Borer, Important Information (Now found in Littleton)

## What Is EAB?

An aggressive, destructive pest, the emerald ash borer (EAB) is an invasive insect native to Asia.

EAB attacks and kills all true native North American ash trees, including green, white, black and blue ash, and their cultivars, including “autumn purple ash,” a popular white ash variety in Colorado. Although rare in Colorado, white fringetree (*Chionanthus virginicus*) also has been documented as susceptible to EAB.



This pest kills stressed and healthy trees and is so aggressive that ash trees may die within two years after they become infested. It is possible for EAB to infest an ash tree for up to four years before visible signs of decline in the tree occur.

The half-inch long, dark green adult beetles are active from late May through July, as they feed on ash trees and lay eggs on the bark. After hatching, the resulting EAB larvae tunnel into the bark to feed in the phloem and outer sapwood layers of the tree, producing galleries that girdle and ultimately kill the tree within two to four years. These expanding S-shaped galleries can be viewed when the bark is removed. EAB adults typically fly up to a half-mile from where they emerge to infest new trees. Distribution of the pest over much longer distances is possible due to people transporting ash firewood, logs, nursery stock or other wood.

## A Threat to Colorado’s Urban & Community Trees

EAB now poses a serious threat to Colorado’s urban and community forests, where ash trees comprise an estimated 15 percent or more of all trees. The Metro Denver area alone has approximately 1.45 million ash trees, which provide an estimated \$82 million annually in services including stormwater mitigation, energy savings and increased property values.

For communities on Colorado’s Front Range and northeast plains, it’s only a matter of time before this pest will arrive. And without ongoing treatment, any infested tree will die.

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8/19/2022	7083 S Elm Street	\$775,000	\$752,500	5	4	2,794	2
10/12/2022	7094 S Elm Street	\$725,000	\$717,500	5	3	2,891	2
11/9/2022	6818 S Hudson Street	\$675,000	\$625,000	4	3	3,061	2
5/19/2023	6914 S Dahlia Street	\$585,000	\$620,000	4	3	3,016	2
8/15/2022	5185 E Davies Drive	\$649,000	\$615,000	4	3	2,725	2
12/30/2022	5215 E Costilla Drive	\$635,000	\$585,000	4	3	2,627	2
12/22/2022	5136 E Davies Drive	\$635,000	\$554,000	4	3	3,161	2
10/20/2022	5438 E Briarwood Circle	\$530,000	\$540,000	3	2	2,032	2
8/18/2022	7022 S Glencoe Court	\$550,000	\$515,000	3	2	2,080	2

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