

# JULY TASKS

WHATS COMING DOWN THE PIPE IN THE GARDEN



JUNUARY IS NEARLY DONE

# *Garlic Scapes...yum!*

Scapes are the fresh shoot of growth at the top of your garlic at this time of year, if left on the plant it will flower and produce bulbils (seed).

To maximize bulb size, cut off the scapes (the curling tip) just as they begin to curl. Most wait until it makes a full pigtail curl, and you can use scissors, or snap them off. They are delicious!

You probably haven't had water on your garlic for weeks due to our recent prolonged rainfall, but you should turn your water off a couple of weeks before harvesting your bulbs.



**HILLING OF**

# **POTATOES**

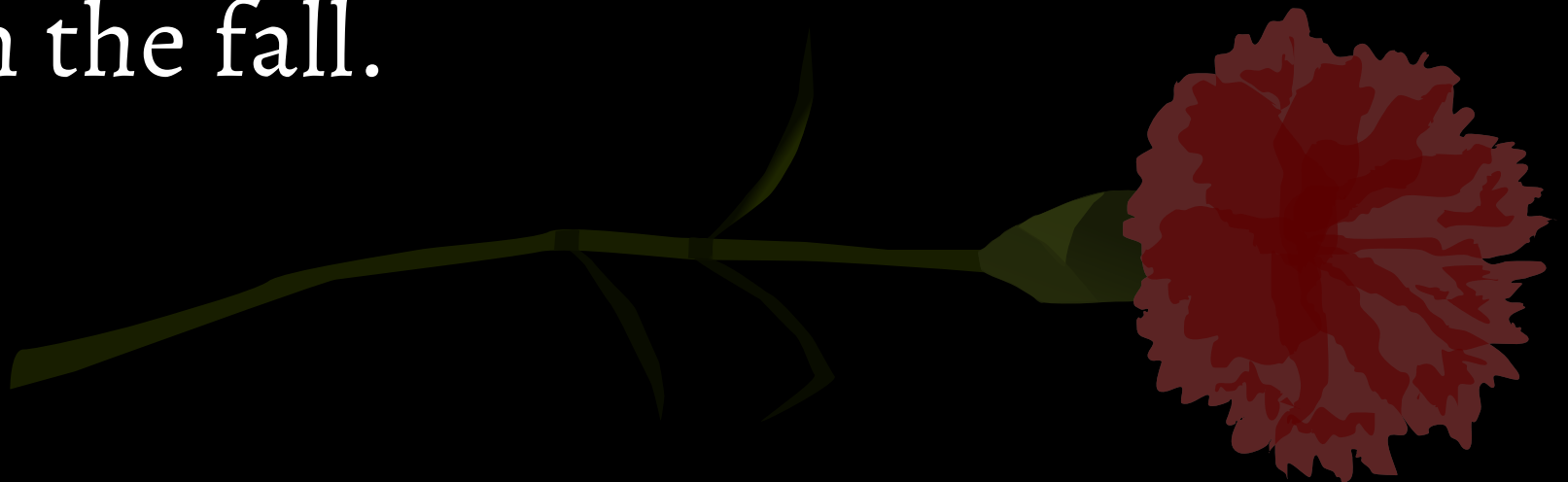
**STAY ON TOP OF IT**

Once the foliage has reached 6-8 inches in height (likely a few weeks ago for those with excellent sun exposure), mound soil from the aisles up to 4" high on the plants, repeating every couple of weeks until the hills are 12" high. Hilling protects the developing tubers from greening. Do not fertilize the foliage in prolonged wet weather, it encourages foliar fungal disease.



# SUCCESSION PLANTING

If you are looking to make the most of growing food or flowers in your garden, succession planting is the practice of seeding a new crop at the right time to grow a 2nd, 3rd, 4th or more generations of plants to maturity before the hard frost comes in the fall.



CHECK DETAILS ON SEED PACKETS OR ON SEED PROVIDER WEBSITES: JOHNNY'S SEEDS, WEST COAST SEEDS OFFER GREAT INFORMATION FOR VARIOUS SEED TYPES



STAY ON TOP OF

# Pruning Indeterminate Tomatoes

Check back in our Garden Guru Archive for  
how to & why

Get to your weeds  
before they go to seed,  
your future self will  
thank you.

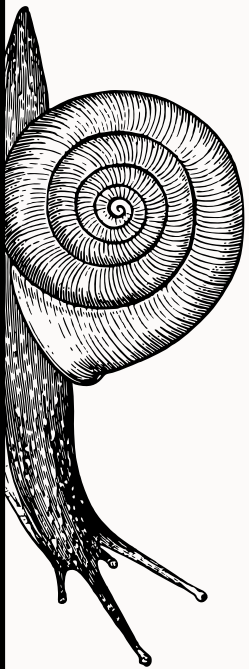


\*Pigweed for  
example,  
contains  
100,000  
seeds per  
plant.

# MONITOR FOR PESTS

## IDENTIFY PESTS BEFORE YOU SQUISH THEM

Try google by entering the plant type and the bug family (caterpillar or beetle) and see what come up, or our Revelstoke Growing Community Page can get eyes on your photo and many different educated opinions. Same goes for disease.



## WHY IDENTIFY? THEY MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL

Some bugs are predators, like predatory wasps and they may actually be helping keep your pest problem at bay!