

# JULY

## INDEPENDENCE FROM CHEMICALS

- Learn to identify good & bad bugs. Many beneficial insects visit yards and should be left alone. Beneficial bugs feed on common pests. Find a strategy to foster healthy, balanced garden ecology.
- Purchase a garden insect guide
- Control pests with natural oils like neem and garlic. Only use neem oil when necessary, it is a natural broad spectrum insecticide that kills beneficial insects too.
- Sharp mower blades = Happy grass blades. By mid-summer mower blades have dulled, this causes stress to the lawn.



**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

Adding organic matter to the soil, like compost or compost tea, relieves stress and feeds beneficial soil microbes. University studies have shown that a healthy microbe population will out compete most of the pathogens that cause fungal diseases in the lawn.