



## The Minimalist Gardener

By Flint Sage

**Trees:** Mature trees and bushes will need an inch of water every one to two weeks to just stay alive. If your trees are in lawns, you will need to add a bit more water, as they are competing with the lawn for moisture. Younger trees will need even more water to keep their roots in moist soil. Do a slow soaking a few feet from the trunk to a foot or two beyond the canopy (outermost leaves). Summer is not a good month to plant trees or bushes because they need nearly daily watering.

**Lawns:** Arrange to keep the mower clippings on the lawn. There are few arguments for bagging clippings.

**Vegetables:** August is the time to plant southern peas, okra, and peppers. In general, though, it is the worst month to plant most things as it is too hot!

**Fall Color:** If you want fall color, this is the time to plant marigolds and petunias. If using seeds, start them in a shady part of the yard. They will need daily water.

**Mulch:** Mulch keeps water in, keeps the heat out, and significantly reduces the need for weeding. Keep mulch six inches or so away from the tree and bush trunks. Lay down a minimum of three thicknesses of newspapers under the mulch. Wet the papers to keep them from

blowing away before mulching.

**Roses:** Expect roses to look quite bad by late summer. In August, cut back between  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the bush. Fertilize each rose with  $\frac{1}{2}$  pound of ammonium sulfate in mid-August. Distribute the fertilizer around the drip line. If no blooms appear in the first week of September, add a second application. Water thoroughly after pruning and fertilizing.



We tried Chinese Okra this year (photo). We had some huge ones that got lost in the abundant large leaves. These plants remind me of Kudzu. They are vines that try to cover everything. We removed them before they covered the entire State. We probably won't plant them next year.

**Fruit Trees:** According to Texas Gardener Magazine, this is the month to stop fertilizing all fruit trees.

## 2017 Pool Schedule

### May 26th through August 27th

Monday	4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday through Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Exceptions:

*Saturday, May 27th (Swim Meet) 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*  
*Monday, May 29th (Memorial Day) 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.*

### September 2nd through September 4th

Monday through Friday	Closed
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Exceptions:

*Monday, September 4th (Labor Day) 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.*

You will be required to wear your pool tags in the pool area. Guests will be allowed only as described in Wortham Villages Pool Rules.

# Wortham Villages

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Accident/FGSI .....	2	Information Call .....	1
Accident/Major .....	2	Injury to Child.....	1
Accident/Minor.....	20	Meet the Citizen .....	7
Alarm Holdup.....	1	Meet the Officer.....	2
Alarm Local.....	14	MUD Building Check .....	23
Alarm Sil/Pan/HU .....	3	Neighborhood Check.....	18
Animal Humane.....	2	Parking Lot Check .....	4
Burglary/Business .....	1	Road Rage Inc.....	1
Burglary/Other.....	1	Submit Evidence .....	1
Burglary/Motveh.....	5	Suspicious Person .....	3
Check Business.....	12	Telephone/Harass .....	2
Check Park.....	8	Theft/Residence.....	1
Child Custody Disp .....	1	Traffic Initiative.....	8
Contract Check.....	166	Traffic Stop.....	38
Criminal Mischief.....	1	Unk Med Emerg .....	2
Disturbance/Family.....	1	Vacation Watch .....	2
Disturbance/Loud Noise .....	3	Vehicle Abandoned.....	2
Disturbance/Other.....	4	Vehicle Suspicious .....	11
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### *Service & Collection Guidelines*

Follow the below service and collection guidelines to ensure collection of your waste.

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#### ★ *Service Days and Hours*

Garbage: Monday & Thursday    Recycle: Monday

Please have your waste ready for service by 7:00 am

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#### ★ *Holiday Schedule*

Texas Pride Disposal observes four holidays: New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. In the event that your service day falls on a holiday, collection will roll to the next regularly scheduled collection day.

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#### ★ *Household Trash*

Waste should be placed in cans between 20 and 96 gallons and under 50 pounds, or sturdy bags not exceeding 50 pounds. Waste should be placed curbside.

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#### ★ *Yard Waste*

Yard waste should be bagged or placed in cans not exceeding 50 pounds. Branches may be placed curbside in clear, individual piles measuring no more than 3' x 3' x 3', or tied and bundled no longer than 4' in length or heavier than 50 pounds.

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#### ★ *Heavy Trash & Bulk Waste*

Texas Pride Disposal will collect two heavy trash/bulk items per service day. Items include furniture, appliances, carpeting (tied and bundled), fencing (nails removed, tied and bundled under 4' in length), and other items not disposed of regularly. Items should be curbside.

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#### ★ *Items Excluded from Regular Collection*

The following items cannot be collected: dirt, rocks, brick, concrete, liquid paints, fuels, oils, tires, pesticides, fertilizer, and batteries. Please contact us to discuss solutions for proper disposal of these items.

#### **Contact Texas Pride Disposal**

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Chiggers do not burrow into skin as many people believe, so “smothering” them with nail polish is useless. When chiggers feed, they inject a digestive enzyme that breaks down skin cells which are then eaten. Itching and redness is caused by our body reacting to the enzymes injected into our skin. Itching typically begins 3-6 hours after being bitten, peaks at 24 hours, and can last up to two weeks.

**The best way to avoid getting chiggers is to avoid infested areas. Since this is not always possible, here are some other things to try:**

- Wear protective clothing- tightly woven items that fit loosely; including long sleeves & pants; shoes or boots
- Tuck pant legs into boots
- Avoid sitting on the ground
- Remove & launder clothing ASAP after being in infested areas
- Shower/ bathe after being in an infested area; scrub vigorously

with a washcloth

- Use an insect repellent with DEET or picaridin

**To treat chigger infestations around the home try the following:**

- Keeping lawn trimmed
- Maintain vegetation; do not allow weeds to grow up & keep brush cleared
- Targeted residual pesticide sprays, usually pyrethroids

**For chigger bites:**

- Do not scratch pustules; opening pustule might lead to infection
- Oral antihistamines or topical anti-itch creams to relieve itching sensation

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at [www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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