August in the garden

August is no time to rest on your laurels! Here are timely lawn and garden tips from Michigan State University specialists:
Establish a new lawn after Aug. 15.
Fertilize established lawns in late August with stopulors of 18-8 fertilizer per 1.000 square feet.
Plant narrow-leafed evergreens. Ask your county extension office for bulletin F-24s.

Order spring flowering bulbs for fall planting. Prepare bulb beds.
Dig and divide garden lilles if crowding has reduced the size and vigor of the blooms. Dig them after foliage and stems are dead and replant immediately in a well drained bed.

TO CONTROL the corn earworm and the European corn borer, spray sweet corn every three to five days with Sevin.
Continue to spray fruit trees, small fruit, vegetables, flowers and ornamentals to control disease and insect posts.

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Dig and divide iris bulbs in late August if it hasn't been done in five years.
Thin plantings of cool season vege-tables made in July.
Do not fertilize roses after Aug. 15. Wait until late October or early No-vember.

vember.

Spray sycamores and other ornamentals with lindane, malathion or Sevin for lacebugs.

COLLECT AND DRY or press flow-COLLECT AND DRY or press flow-ers for decorative arrangements. Spray privet. Illac, broad-leafed evergreens and other ornamentals through Aug. 15 to control Japanese weevil.

Avoid fertilizing trees or shruoth now. The late new growth that re-suited would probably be damaged by frost.

sulted wound probably, so a mile frost.

If azaleas are showing yellow leaves with green veins, apply iron chelates as a soil drench to counteract iron deficiency.

Continue to water lawns and gar-

What's cooking in Michigan

By LARRESTINE TRIMM MDA

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Homemakers can once again buy economical institutional size packages of frozen red tart cherries, according to Marketing officials of the Michigan Department of Agriculture. The state's red tart cherry crop for 1974 was forceast at \$5,000 tons. That's about two-thirds larger than last year's freeze-damaged crop, but 11 per cent less than the record 1972 crup of 19700 tons. Michigan leads in red tart cherries, producing more than three-fourths of the total U.S. crop. New York and Pennsylvania are other leading tart cherry producing states but their 1971 forceasts of 7,200 and 3,000 tons. respectively, are no match for Michigan's production.

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CONVENIENT "slush packs" of red tart cherries are pre-sugared in 10 to 30-pound tims. To repack in smaller freezer containers for home use, cherries should be partially thawed until each cherry can be separated individually, but remain frozen. To can, cherries must thaw completely and then be processed the same as fresh tart cherries. Generally, 30-pound tims are packed in proportions of five parts cherries to one part sugar, but this may vary, Consumers are advised to read can labels carefully or check with store manager.

IN SOME AREAS a straight pack is available. This means no sugar has

available. This means no sugar has been added.

Cherries make superb desserts like tasty fruit crunch or cherry upside-down cake. Cherry shortcake is quick and easy. Just top biscuits with de-frosted tart cherries and whipped

cream.

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KEEP TREES and shrubs adequate-ly watered during dry, hot periods to prevent score. Stay on the alert for white grubs and sod webworms. Do not use herbicides on iawns when the temperature is higher than 80° F. This can damage ornamentals.

If your tomato plants have fallen victim to fusarium and verticillium wilt, make a note to yourself to use re-sistant varieties next season or plant

in a different area.

Cut out raspberry and blackberry canes that have fruited this year.

They will not bear again.

IF YOU LET July slip by without planting seeds of pansy, forget-me-not and English daisy, you can do it now. Transplant perennuals and biennials seeded in July to outdoor beds or cold-frames. Continue to remove old flowers from petunias, pansies and other flowering annuals so they will continue to

bloom rather than go to seed. Pinch the tops of petunias to keep the plants short and bushy. Check maples and weeping willow leaves for aphids. The leaves will have a mottled appearance. Spray with malathion every two weeks.

Bagworms are feeding actively now, but spraying will not control them effectively. Remove them by hand and destroy them.

BEANS, PEAS, beets, lettuce, spin-ach and endive can still be planted for

ach and endive can still be planted to a fall crop. Large indentations in tomato leaves indicate tomato hornworms are feed-

Large indentations in tomato leaves indicate tomato hormorms are feeding. Spray or pick them off by hand. If your German iris have been damaged by borers, dig up the affected plants and discard them. Spraying next spring will protect the ones that remain.

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TREAT POWDERY mildew on

phlox, zinnias, roses and liliacs with benlate. Pinch houseplants that you've set outside so they will be well branched when you bring them indoors. Spot seed bane spots in your lawn between Aug. 15 and Sept. 15. Remove the dead grass that has accumulated and become matted down your lawn. Do not cut back perennials until the foliage has started to die. In late August, spray the trunks and branches of poplars and willows with lindane to control the mottled willow borer.

borer.
Treat powdery mildew in your lawn with Tersan 1991.
Transplant and divide peonies and milder.

phlox.

Take cuttings from coleus, gera-niums, impatiens, wax begonias and fuchsia for growing indoors this win-

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STAKE TALL growing annuals and perennials. Plant Madorna lity bulbs. Plant Madorna lity bulbs. Dig potatoes when the tops die. Pick lima beans. Start blanching celery. Cover for 12-15 days to keep light off plants to make them grow paler. Harvest orions after their tops turn brown.

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Buy colchicum, a fall flowering bulb, for planting.

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