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# Wilt-Proof Your Garden

Arm yourself with a few smart strategies—and a smattering of **HEAT-LOVING FLOWERS**—and keep your garden looking vibrant during the most sweltering stretch of the season.



**JUST AS YOU** get your backyard going full tilt, along comes the toughest month of the gardening year—August, with its blistering heat. As temperatures reach the 90s, many plants wilt or cease to flower, and containers may require daily watering. For humans, too, the hot spells are hard to bear. But you don't have to gaze out hopelessly from the air-conditioned indoors, longing for May. By heeding helpful techniques from our experts and choosing the right plants, you and your garden can both keep your cool.

## *heat seekers*

Despite their delicate appearance, these colorful flowers relish hot weather.

1. *Petunia* 'Neon Rose' flowers abundantly on graceful two-foot-long stems.
2. 'Bonanza Yellow' marigold blooms early and keeps going strong all summer.
3. *Verbena* 'Raspberry Sorbet' grows into a wide trailing carpet of magenta.
4. *Angelonia* 'Archangel Pink' consistently produces delicate rosy purple spires.
5. *Dahlia* 'Onesta' blooms best in hot weather, as do all members of this clan.
6. *Ageratum* 'Artist Purple' has fuzzy flower heads that attract butterflies.
7. *Calibrachoa* 'Pink Vein' has loads of tiny petunia-like flowers with deep-pink eyes.
8. *Lantana* 'Sunrise Rose' bears tricolored flowers.
9. *Pelargonium* 'Mini Karmine' displays airy geranium flowers that make great additions to hanging baskets.