



# INDEPENDENCE DAY DISABILITY PRIDE JULY TIPS FOR CLEANING YOUR HOME, YARD, OR BUSINESS



## July is the peak of summer

As the mid-point of the year, it also brings landmark mid-year sales and specific celebrations ranging from national independence days to month-long observances

## What Happens in July

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**USA INDEPENDENCE  
DAY**  
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**DISABILITY PRIDE  
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**JULY – DID YOU  
KNOWS?**  
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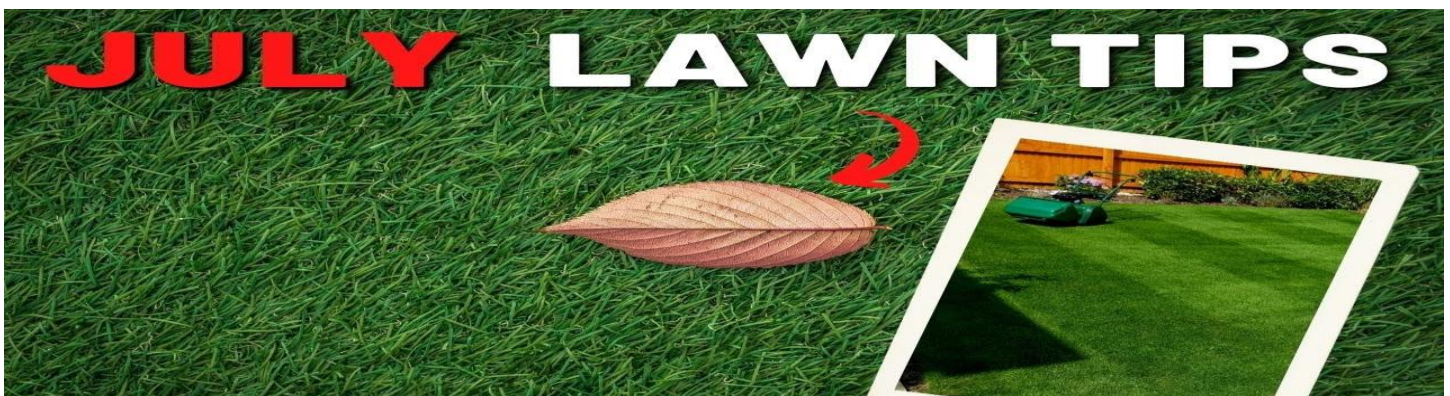
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July home maintenance focuses on optimizing your cooling systems, preventing water damage, and preparing for severe weather. Key tasks include replacing HVAC filters, cleaning out dryer vents, checking exterior caulking, and deep cleaning your refrigerator and garbage disposal to keep your home running efficiently during the peak of summer.

## July Maintenance Checklist

- ✓ Check all locks and dead bolts
- ✓ Clean window inside out
- ✓ Drain your water heater
- ✓ Dust your home
- ✓ Get wasp traps and hang them away from eating areas
- ✓ Plan for extreme heat
- ✓ Inspect your AC unit
- ✓ Check deck & patio areas
- ✓ Clean the barbecue area for summer barbecues

July lawn maintenance focuses on helping grass survive peak summer heat in the South. Raise your mower height to 3.5–4 inches, water deeply (1 inch per week) early in the morning, and apply a slow-release fertilizer if using warm-season turf. Avoid fertilizing cool-season grasses during droughts.



The 4th of July, or Independence Day, is the annual federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, which declared the 13 American colonies separate from Great Britain. It is celebrated across the United States with backyard barbecues, parades, and firework displays.

**Montgomery** celebrates the Fourth of July with the official City of Independence Day Celebration at **Cramton Bowl**, featuring live music from the 151st Army National Guard Band, a Kids Zone, food vendors, and a spectacular fireworks finale. Additional events include the Cooler Fest at Riverwalk Amphitheater and special holiday activities at Montgomery Whitewater.



## Family & Community Outings

**Montgomery Zoo & Mann Wildlife Learning Museum:** Open regular hours on July 4th, offering a full day of family-friendly exploration and wildlife exhibits.

## Cooler Fest at the Amphitheater

**Riverwalk Amphitheater:** Gates open at 12:00 PM. Grab your cooler and celebrate with an outdoor southern soul holiday event featuring regional artists, music, and food

**Note!!** The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office reminds residents in the county that while fireworks are strictly banned within Montgomery city limits, they are legal in unincorporated areas of Montgomery County.



Disability Pride Month is celebrated annually in July to honor the history, achievements, and experiences of the disabled community. It coincides with the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which was signed into law on July 26, 1990.



**Origins:** Disability Pride first began as a single day of celebration in Boston in 1990, coinciding with the historic passing of the ADA.

**Official Recognition:** The first official Disability Pride Month was celebrated in July 2015 to mark the 25th anniversary of the ADA.

**Core Goal:** The month serves to push back against ableism and low expectations, affirming that disability is a natural part of human diversity.

## DID YOU KNOWS OF JULY



**Food Months:** In the United States, July is celebrated as National Ice Cream Month, National Watermelon Month, and National Hot Dog Month.

**World UFO Day:** Celebrated on July 2 to commemorate the famous 1947 Roswell incident.

**Birthstones & Flowers:** July's birthstone is the ruby (representing passion and energy). The birth flowers are the larkspur and the water lily.

**Dog Days of Summer:** This famously hot and sultry period officially begins on July 3 and runs through August 11. The term originally referred to the heliacal rising of Sirius ("Dog Star"), which ancient Greeks & Romans believed caused scorching heat.



The **Essence Festival** of Culture is an annual event held in New Orleans during the Fourth of July weekend, celebrated as "the party with a purpose." It was launched in 1995 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Essence magazine and quickly grew into the largest African American cultural and music event in the United States.

Over the decades, the festival has grown from a localized concert series to an influential global platform for Black music, wealth, and community wellness.

The Beginning (1994/1995): Conceived by founders Edward Lewis, Clarence O. Smith, and Susan L. Taylor, the inaugural event took place in 1995 in New Orleans. It was designed to uplift the Black community while celebrating the iconic magazine.

The Houston Relocation (2006): Following the devastating impact of Hurricane Katrina on New Orleans in 2005, the festival was temporarily hosted in Houston, Texas.

International Expansion (2016): The festival crossed international borders for the first time, holding a spinoff iteration in Durban, South Africa.

**The marquee concerts at the Superdome are stacked with R&B, Hip-Hop, and soul legends!!**



The poster features the title "ESSENCE Festival OF CULTURE" in white serif font on a black background, with "Coca-Cola" in its signature script below. To the right, "The Lineup" is written in a large, elegant cursive font. Below the title, three vertical panels represent the days of the festival: Friday, July 3, 2026 (blue background); Saturday, July 4, 2026 (purple background); and Sunday, July 5, 2026 (dark purple background). Each panel lists the main acts and special guests, with some names partially obscured by white torn-paper-style graphics.

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