

WILTING FUCHSIAS: *Are often misunderstood.* Wilting or (drooping fuchsia leaves & flowers) may be the plant signaling you that it is taking a production time out, because it is hot out here. You & I can go inside and maybe turn on the air conditioning but the plant must endure the outside hot temperature. It should be noted that many double fuchsias will do a slight wilt (leaves & flowers look kind of limp) during the hot afternoon. Keep in mind, hot days is not the fuchsias preferred climate. To be safe, do not water, check your plant to see if it needs water. Normally a wilting fuchsia on a hot day, means the plant feels threatened, because the plant realizes it cannot provide continuous water from the roots to the leaves and flowers in these extreme temperatures, so it closes the leaf openings temporarily to prevent water evaporation through the leaf openings. If the plant is dry, move the it to a shaded area, mist the leaves and when it cools down, then if needed water the plant. **Note:** Because water is not being supplied to the flowers during the wilting process, the current batch of flowers may be lost. When temperatures cool down, the plant will usually perk back up and start the process of making the next round of flowers.