

June Garden Tips

GENERAL

- ☼ Check for slugs when wet. Hand pick or bait to control.
- ☼ Control weeds. They're easier to pull when young.
- ☼ During the hot summer months, mulch to help conserve water. Supplement rainfall to provide one inch of water per week for lawns and gardens. Baskets and containers may need daily watering.
- ☼ ID garden pests before you attempt to control them. [Protect pollinators](#). Always read and follow chemical label directions.
- ☼ Add bat houses in your yard to eat insects.
- ☼ Store leftover seeds in a cool, dry place for future use.
- ☼ Continue recordkeeping in gardening notebook, noting plants that withstand drought conditions.
- ☼ Use less chemicals on your lawn, garden, and flowers to maintain beneficial insects.



LANDSCAPE (Lawns, trees, shrubs and flowers)

- ☼ [Mow grass higher](#) by raising the lawn mower deck height at least one notch for healthier grass.
- ☼ Use bark mulch around young trees to protect them from lawn mower damage.
- ☼ Continue pruning spring-flowering shrubs after blooms fade.
- ☼ Watch for bagworms, especially on junipers and arborvitae.
- ☼ Apply balanced rose fertilizer after first bloom is past. Cut spent rose blooms just above the first five-leaflet leaf for fastest bloom. Watch for and control blackspot and powdery mildew on rose foliage.
- ☼ Deadhead flowers. Pinch chrysanthemums, sedums, impatiens, petunias, and coleus for bushier growth.

GARDEN (Vegetables, fruits and herbs)

- ☼ Remove cool-season plants, such as radish, spinach and lettuce, before they bolt and go to seed.
- ☼ Continue planting warm season vegetable crops, such as carrots, beans, sweet corn, squash and cucumbers. Plant pumpkin seeds early in the month to be ready for Halloween.
- ☼ Start indoor seedlings of broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower for fall harvest.
- ☼ Inspect squash vines for squash vine borer.
- ☼ In most cases, [blossom-end rot](#) on tomatoes, peppers, squash and watermelons can be prevented by maintaining uniform soil moisture with mulch, proper watering, planting in well-drained soil, not using high nitrogen fertilizers and not cultivating deeper than one inch within one foot of the plant.
- ☼ Continue harvest of spring plantings of broccoli, cabbage and peas. The best time to harvest most herbs is just before flowering, when the leaves contain the maximum essential oils.
- ☼ Thin apples so fruits are seven to nine inches apart.
- ☼ Protect ripening raspberries and blackberries from birds by covering with netting.



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June Pictures/Sketches/ Observations

