

June Gardening Calendar

LAWN CARE

- Fertilize warm-season grasses like Bermuda, Zoysia and St. Augustine if you have not already done so.
- Core aerate your yard two days after a good rain or irrigation.
- Zoysia lawns can be started this month.

FERTILIZING

- Fertilize or sidedress vegetables as needed.
- June is the only month to fertilize centipede grass. A ½ pound of 15-0-14 per 1,000 sq.ft is recommended however, the fertilizing needs can be better determined with a soil test.

PLANTING

- Vegetables to be planted in June: beans, lima beans, southern peas, peppers, sweet potato, pumpkins and tomatoes.
- Brussel sprouts and collards can be seeded at this time for transplanting in mid-July.

PRUNING

- Outgrown hedges can be pruned.
- Pinch off garden mums until mid-July.
- Narrowleaf evergreens like junipers and aborvitaes can be pruned.
- Bigleaf or mophead hydrangea can be pruned when the flowers fade.
- The dieback on hybrid rhododendrons, azaleas and blueberries can be pruned out

SPRAYING *Pesticides should be used sparingly! Use only when needed and always follow the label directions.*

- Watch shrubs for the following insects: bag worms, leaf miners, aphids, spider mites, and lace bugs. Bag worms already enclosed in their bags will need to be picked off by hand and destroyed.
- Japanese beetles are also emerging and can be controlled.
- Watch tomato leaves for dark spots that could be blight. Spray with the appropriate fungicide if observed.
- Use recommended herbicide to control poison ivy, kudzu and honeysuckle if desired.
- Spray the following vegetables if insects are observed: cucumber (cucumber beetle), squash (squash borers and aphids), tomato and eggplant (flea beetle), broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower (worms).
- Continue pest control program for fruit trees and bunch grapes.
- Continue with rose spraying program.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Renovate strawberry beds after the final harvest.
- Water lawns in the early morning during dry periods. Don't forget watering lawns late in the evening encourages diseases.
- Also, vegetable gardens should be watered about an inch a week. Consider putting down mulch in beds to help with weed control. Good mulches are pine needles, cypress mulch and pine bark.

**Plan a stroll through the
Nash County Arboretum
located at**

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