



June Garden Tips

- Stake or cage tomatoes and spray them if necessary to prevent disease problems.
- Mow lawns often enough to remove no more than one-third the total height per mowing. There is no need to remove clippings unless excessive or diseased.
- Check all plants, especially newly planted ones, to see if they need water on a regular basis. Water deeply and thoroughly as needed.
- Gator bags provide a great way to keep trees watered during hot and dry months. These bags, which can hold up to 20 gallons of water, are secured to the trunk of the tree, where they release the water slowly to the root ball over the course of 15 to 20 hours.
- June bugs can be annoying as they bounce on your window screens attracted by your house lights. The larvae do eat plant roots and the adult beetles forage on trees and shrubs although they do not seem to cause the excessive damage associated with Oriental beetles or Japanese beetles.
- To minimize diseases, water with overhead irrigation early enough in the day to allow the foliage to dry before nightfall.
- It's a great time to plant strawberries, raspberries, blueberries and blackberries.
- You can move houseplants outside to the deck or patio and enjoy them outdoors for the summer. It is best to gradually introduce them to more direct sunlight to prevent the leaves from being burned.
- Plant vegetables or flowers in unadorned pots or decorative jardinieres and grow them on decks or patios if space is limited.