

June Garden Calendar

Vegetables and Fruits

Renovate June bearing strawberry beds
Fertilize strawberries and water regularly to promote new growth
Plant another crop of sweet corn and green beans
Watch tomatoes for foliar leaf disease development and treat
Mulch crops for moisture conservation and weed control
Continue a regular fruit disease and insect control program
Treat peach trees for trunk borers
Remove sucker growth from base of trees and along branches
Pinch herbs to keep bushy and fresh with new growth
Turn compost pile and keep moist for a quicker breakdown
Dig potatoes after vines have died.
As tomatoes begin to sprawl, train them to a stake, cage or wire fence

Flowers

Pinch chrysanthemums for development of a bushy plant
Deadhead spent flower blossoms to keep plant flowering
Remove flower stalks from peonies and iris
Mulch flower gardens for the summer to conserve moisture, control weeds and cool the soil
Water plants as needed
Fertilize roses
Trim spent rose blossoms
Check plants for insects
Remove dead foliage from spring bulbs
Water and fertilize container plantings regularly to encourage growth and flowering

Lawns

Raise mowing height on bluegrass and tall fescue to 3" or 3 ½" for summer heat resistance
Fertilize zoysia lawns with high nitrogen fertilizer such as 27-3-3
Sod or plug bare areas in zoysia lawns
Spot treat for broadleaf weeds
Core aerate zoysia lawns for removal of thatch and overall vigor
Let grass clippings fall for nutrient recycling
Water the turf sparingly to increase drought tolerance during heat of summer. Let turf wilt between watering for best results
Check mower blade for sharpness and sharpen as needed
Check lawn mower engine oil and add or change according to owners' manual

Trees and Shrubs

Check for bagworms and control as needed
Mulch around the bases of trees and shrubs to conserve moisture
Prune pines and spruces to shape and control size
Water newly planted trees and shrubs as needed
Prune spring flowering shrubs
Do not damage tree trunks with mowers and weed whips
Check for spider mite damage on various shrubs
Clip hedges as needed to maintain shape

Houseplants

Fertilizer throughout the summer months to encourage growth
Wash leaves to remove dust
Take cuttings to start new plants
Prune and shape plants for added beauty
Repot plants as needed in 1" larger containers
Check for insect problems

Local Horticulture Happenings:

Go on the Extension Master Gardener organized area Garden Tour, 537-6350.

Mulch your beds, free woodchip mulch is available at the Riley County Transfer Station at 1881 Henton Road, 565-6290

Visit the KSU Gardens Rose Garden (1500 Denison Ave.) and the Manhattan City Park Rose Garden.

Additional resources for the month:

Using Wood Chips for Mulch MF-2133

Pest Control in Vegetable Gardens C-595

Insect Management for Organic Vegetable Gardens MF-2622

Mowing Your Lawn MF-1155

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