

Lawn & Garden JUNE To Do List



TREES AND SHRUBS

- Prune and deadhead shrubs after they bloom, trim hedges while new growth is soft, and lightly trim conifers.
- Reduce fertilizing to prepare plants for hot, dry weather; remove aphids with a squirt from the water hose.
- Watch for powdery mildew and black spot; add extra mulch to shallow-rooted shrubs.

LAWNS

- Set your lawn mower blade at 3"- 4" for cool-season grasses and 2"- 3" for warm-season grasses.
- Aerate and dethatch warm-season lawns; mow regularly, especially when mulching the clippings.

CLEAN-UP AND MAINTENANCE

- Add extra mulch around heat-sensitive or drought-sensitive plants; address insect damage immediately.
- Pull weeds before they bloom and drop seeds!

PERENNIALS AND BULBS

- Plant perennials, along with summer and tender bulbs; do successive plantings of gladiolus for a longer season of blooms.
- Stake or support leggy plants and vines; let foliage on spring bulbs die back naturally.
- Lightly trim spring-blooming perennials after blooming — they might bloom again!
- Label plants while visible and blooming; start seeds for next year's perennials.

ANNUALS AND CONTAINERS

- Plant summer annuals in beds and containers; deadhead flowers to encourage more blooms.
- Fertilize every two weeks; water every day or two, especially containers under eaves and porches, or in direct sun.
- Pinch back leggy plants to promote branching; pinch off faded leaves of coleus and caladium.

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