



June Garden Tips

Bugs? – keep on hand some insecticidal soap for those aphids, spittle bugs and other nasty sucking critters. Soap offers a quick and clean knock down for even those edibles. Use Sluggo for snails and slugs, predatory nematodes for grubs, webworms and crane fly larvae. Predatory nematodes will work great on your root weevils.

Roses – Apply DTE Rose and Flower fertilizer, supplement with earthworm castings. Treat every 7-10 days with neem oil and soap mixed with a little liquid copper to control blackspot and powdery mildew. Start watering at least twice a week, water only in the morning and avoid water on the leaves on overcast days to prevent blackspot.

Plant veggies, perennials and annuals for summer color – Now is the time to plant for summer color and color into the fall. Get those tomatoes, peppers and egg plants starts in the ground now too.

Sow - cucumbers, summer squash, melons, snap beans, beets carrots, lettuce, broccoli, fall and winter cabbage, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, scallions.

Pruning shrubs and trees – Wait till after flowering to thin and shape your trees and shrubs. Don't remove more than 30% of the growth to avoid shock. Any plant you have to consistently restrict that much may need replacement with a more suitable species.

Fertilize – Rhodies, azaleas, and rose could use a good shot of food. Use acid fertilizer for the Rhodies and All Purpose or Rose Fertilizer for the roses. Dead head spent flower stalks.

Container gardens – Time to plant out your patio pots for summer. Try some dramatic effects and color. If you have no idea what to plant, come in and we can help.