

Post Rock Answers
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June Gardening Calendar

Summer is finally here and it's time to take care of our blooming landscapes. This is a busy season for most of us, but getting outside can be relaxing and rewarding. Use this helpful checklist to have a colorful landscape this year.

Vegetables and Fruits

- Fertilize strawberries and water regularly to promote new growth
- Plant another crop of sweet corn, green beans, squash, and cucumbers
- Watch tomatoes for foliar leaf disease development and treat
- Watch out for squash bugs and control at first signs of infestation
- 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

Flowers

- Pinch chrysanthemums for development of a bushy plant
- Remove flower stalks from peonies and iris
- Mulch flower gardens for the summer to conserve moisture, control weeds, and cool the soil
- Deadhead spent flower blossoms to keep plants flowering
- Water plants with about one inch of water per week as needed
- Fertilize roses with about 1 cup of low analysis fertilizer per plant
- 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
- Let grass clippings fall for nutrient recycling
- Fertilize buffalograss lawns if desired
- 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

- Fertilize 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

K-State Research and Extension has a variety of resources for all your gardening and landscaping needs this summer. Stop by or give us a call with your questions.

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