



"From the Potting Shed"

Riverview Garden Club – June Helpful Hints

In the garden, June is the time to...

- **Deadhead Blooms**
Trim off spent blooms from annual flowers to encourage additional blooming and extend their growing season.
- **Trim Bulbs**
Once spring blooms have finished flowering and the foliage is completely brown, trim the foliage to make room for summer flowers and to keep beds looking neat.
- **Prune Flowering Shrubs**
After spring flowering shrubs have stopped blooming, prune them appropriately to keep their desired shape.
- **Adjust Watering**
As spring rains taper off and summer temperatures heat up, adjust watering schedules as needed. Soaker hoses are ideal for beds and gardens, and lawns should be watered deeply but less frequently to encourage strong root growth.
- **Plant Warm Season Crops**
Fruits and vegetables that require warm soil are best planted in June, such as corn, pumpkins, beans, squash, and cucumbers.
- **Deepen Mulch**
Add additional mulch to gardens and flowerbeds to conserve water and minimize weed growth.
- **Divide Perennials**
If perennial plants are becoming too large or need better control, they can be best divided in June and transplanted to new locations. Now is also a great time to add new perennials to the yard.
- **Harvest Spring Produce**
Cool season fruits and vegetables will be nearly spent in June, but there is time for one last harvest of strawberries, radishes, lettuce, and spinach.
- **Keep Weeding**
Weeding is a never-ending task, and it is important to keep up on the chore in June when the garden is still getting a strong foothold.
- **Stake Plants**
In the vegetable garden, loosely stake thin or floppy plants to keep them from tipping and breaking. June is also the best time to begin training vines and climbing plants to keep them under control.
- **Watch for Pests**
June is when pests come out in force, including slugs, aphids, and a variety of funguses and diseases. Watch for these pests carefully, and take steps to eradicate problems before they grow out of control.
- **Attract Bats and Birds**
Nature can provide natural pest control for gardeners who attract bats and birds to their garden. Put up a bat house, add a bird feeder, and take other easy steps to bring wildlife to the yard and let them feast on garden insects.