

JUNE CHECK LIST

VEGETABLE GARDEN

- To extend your garden season with fall crops of cabbage, brussel sprouts, broccoli and cauliflower, direct seed or start transplants for mid-July planting, the beginning of June. It's been proven that direct seeded broccoli produces quicker than transplants.
- Remove weeds and thin vegetable seedlings.
- If some of your crops failed to come up, you can still plant short seasoned varieties.
- To eliminate cabbage worms from cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower, cover plants with a shade cloth type material like old sheer curtains. If the butterflies can't get to them to lay eggs, you won't get worms.
- If you do get cabbage worms, you can use Sevin, Malathion or Diazinon insecticides. For a safer, biological insecticide, use Bt kurstaki (*Bacillus thuringiensis*).
- If Colorado Potato Beetles show up, use Sevin or Methoxychlor for control, sprinkle plants with corn meal (the larvae will kill themselves gorging on it), use a biological insecticide called Bt san diego, or you can hand pick them.
- Keep an eye out for flea beetles. They can make plants look like a shot gun shoot out in no time. Spray with Sevin or Malathion.
- To eliminate morning glory or thistle by clipping, allow weeds to grow two weeks before cutting back. This forces the plants to use up its food reserve.
- When watering flower/vegetable gardens, try to water deeply (1-2 inches a time), once a week. Avoid light daily sprinklings which cause shallow roots.
- If you have limited irrigation water try:
 - Providing wind protection such as snow fence or corn planted on south and west sides.
 - Be sure to properly thin vegetables to decrease competition.
 - Remove all moisture robbing weeds as they sprout.
 - Cultivate soil shallowly with rake, hoe, or tiller to provide a dust mulch. Hard, cracked soil allows moisture to escape.
 - Mulch around plants and between rows with straw, hay, grass clippings, plastic or compost.
- For fall broccoli, direct seed into the garden the beginning of June. Direct seeding of broccoli has been proven to produce quicker than transplant plants.

ORCHARD AND FRUITS

- Pick up and bury dropped apples. This helps kill codling moth and other larvae, preventing them from reinfesting trees later.
- If after a natural drop, the apple crop is still thick, thin apples to one per cluster, 4-6 in. apart.
- Continue insect control every 7-10 days, renewing after washing rains.

TREES AND SHRUBS

- If lilacs have set seed, clip them off to concentrate energy to foliage and roots.
- Trim shrubs and hedges so that they are wider at the base than at the top. This encourages a nice dense growth habit at the base.
- If you've planted young trees recently, try to eliminate grass growth at least 3 ft around trunks for best effect. Maintain at least five years for optimum effect.
- Water trees and shrubs when needed, an extra inch, after the lawn's been watered its inch.
- If tent caterpillars start chomping away at trees, use Diazinon, Sevin, Malathion, systemic insecticides, or Bt kurstaki.

LAWN

- The best mosquito repellents contain as much DEET (N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide), as possible. The stronger the DEET the longer it lasts.
- Water lawns at least one inch at a time. Then check soil moisture to see when irrigation is needed again.
- Don't use grass clippings in the garden that have been treated with herbicide for two full mowings.
- If quackgrass is a problem, use spot spray applications of Roundup.
- If crab grass, or other annual grass weeds are a problem, use lawn wide applications of products like Ortho's Crabgrass Killer, or Crabgrass and Nutgrass Killer.
- If broadleaf weeds are a problem, use products containing 2,4-D such as Weed-B-Gone.
- Apply herbicides to lawns after irrigation and 24-48 hours before mowing to give weeds time to absorb the chemical with as much foliage as possible.

FLOWER GARDEN

- Pinch mums after each four inches of growth. Stop pinching on July 4.
- Eliminate weeds.
- When removing bloomed out roses or when cutting roses for bouquets, cut back to a five-leaflet leaf to encourage blossom buds.