

June Gardening in Transylvania County Extension Master Gardener Volunteers

Things really start to heat up in the garden in June. Blooms are coming and going, warm season vegetable plants are really taking off and cool season vegetables are on the wane. The pests are moving in and bringing all their family and friends. The fungus is blowing in on every breeze. And the weeds, ugh!

So to help you keep up with all that is going on, we've put together a list of gardening tasks to do now with links for more information on each topic. If you have questions or need more information, please contact the Transylvania County Cooperative Extension at 828.884.3109 or email mmickew@ncsu.edu.

Fertilizing

- Fertilize or side dress your vegetables as needed. [Sidedressing with Fertilizer](#)

Planting

- Start Brussels sprout seeds for transplanting into the garden in mid-July. [Growing Brussels sprouts](#)
- Set out the following vegetable plants this month: Brussels sprouts, eggplant, pepper, tomato and sweet potato. [A Beginner's Guide to Vegetable Gardening](#)
- Plant the following vegetable seeds in your garden in June: bush, pole and lima beans, corn, cucumber, okra, southern peas, pumpkin, summer and winter squash and watermelon.



Pruning

- Prune white pine in late June. Only trim the new growth which are referred to as candles. [Pinching](#)
- Prune narrow leaf evergreens such as juniper and arborvitae. [Pruning trees and shrubs](#)
- Prune hydrangea that bloom on old wood when the flowers fade. [Pruning Hydrangeas](#)
- Trim hedges as needed. [Trimming hedges](#)
- Remove water sprouts on fruit trees and crabapples. [Water sprouts](#)
- Cut off (deadhead) the faded flowers of phlox, Shasta daisy and daylily to encourage a second flowering.
- Trim dried up foliage on your spring flowering bulbs.
- Prune out dieback on hybrid rhododendron, azalea, mountain laurel and blueberry.
- Pinch your chrysanthemums to encourage branching.

Managing Pests and Diseases

- Monitor for insects and if needed, spray these landscape shrubs for the following insect pests: arborvitae (bag worm), boxwood (leaf miner), crape myrtle (aphid), hemlock (spider mites), and pyracantha (lace bug). [Shrub pests](#)
- Spray for Japanese beetles if needed. [Japanese beetles](#)
- Monitor for insects and if needed, spray the following vegetables when insects are observed: cucumber (cucumber beetle), squash (squash borers and aphids), tomato and eggplant (flea beetle), broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower (worms). [Vegetable pest control](#)
- Continue spraying your tree fruits and bunch grapes per your pest control program. [Fruit Spray Schedule](#).
- Check asparagus plants for the asparagus beetle. Spray with the recommended insecticide if beetles are observed. [Asparagus pests](#)
- Continue rose spray program. [Fungus on roses](#)
- Watch for dark brown spots on your tomato leaves. If observed, spray with a fungicide. [Vegetable disease control](#)
- Spray herbicide on the following woody weeds: poison ivy, honeysuckle and kudzu. [Controlling woody weeds](#)
- Use pesticides sparingly. Spray only when needed.

Lawn Care

- Continue fertilizing zoysia this month. Do not fertilize tall fescue and bluegrass now.

Propagating

- Take semi-hardwood cuttings of azaleas, cotoneaster, camellia, holly, pieris, and rhododendron in late June or early July. [Propagation from cuttings](#)

Miscellaneous To Do

- Build a cold frame for rooting shrub cuttings. [Cold frame plan](#)
- Renovate your strawberry bed after the berry harvest is completed. [Strawberry renovation](#)
- Water your favorite plants during periods of dry weather. Water early in the morning as watering late in the day encourages plant disease. [Watering plants](#)
- Make certain vegetable gardens receive at least 1 inch of water per week.

Plants in bloom in June: Southern Magnolia, Golden Rain Tree, Mimosa, Smoketree, Native Rhododendrons, Hydrangeas, Sweet Azalea, Gardenia, Roses, Summer Spirea, Yucca, Gumpo & Satsuki Azaleas, Hypericum, Rose-of-Sharon, Trumpet Creeper, Phlox, Butterfly Weed, Daylily, Balloon Flower, Stokesia, Coreopsis, Poppy, Canna, Red Hot Poker, Summer annuals

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