



Summer Gardening Tips



While you may be enjoying your spring bulbs, tulips and daffodils, don't forget now is the time to plant your summer bulbs such as dahlias and lilies.

This is also the ideal time to check out your irrigation system before the hot summer season. One of the best ways to reduce your water use is to ensure that your irrigation system is functioning efficiently. A well-designed, well-functioning irrigation system applies water uniformly, and does it with an application rate and delivery method

that best matches the plants' needs and soil type. Meeting these criteria affords you the best opportunity to effectively schedule irrigation with the least amount of waste and for the greatest benefit to the plants. Tune it up!

Bugs and Things:

Check often for aphids on tender new plant growth. Remove infestations with a hard spray of water or insecticidal soap. Check roses for black spot, mildew and rust and spray if needed.

Watch for early signs of powdery mildew on roses and ornamentals.

TREE CARE WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

- Remove sucker growth from trunk and base of trees to maintain a clean appearance.
- Continue to check tree stakes this month and remove if trees are stable.
- Remove excess leaves or soil from root crown.
- Beware of large clumps of brown mushrooms. This could be oak root fungus.
- Check the irrigation emitters. If they are too close to the tree trunk, pull them back from the trunk.



Inspect water basins around newer plantings. If trees/plants are mature, remove water basins.

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