



Timely Tips June

Roses

1. When the first show of blooms has passed, apply Fertilome Rose Food to encourage strong, healthy growth the rest of the year.
2. Spray roses with Triple Action Plus at the first sign of black spot or powdery mildew.

Ornamentals & Lawn

1. Plant summer bulbs such as elephant ears, lilies, caladiums and canna. Fertilize with *Espoma Bulb Tone* to help increase bulb size and produce healthy foliage.
2. Continue planting warm season annuals in flower beds.
3. Empty containers planted with early spring flowers and fill them with colorful annuals and tropical plants that will thrive in the hot summer.
4. Fertilize annuals bi-weekly with *Jack's Classic Fertilizer* or *Miracle-Gro LiquaFeed*.
5. Water lawns as needed to prevent drought and stress; lawns should receive 1" of water per week. Place a clean, empty tuna fish can under the sprinklers to measure how much water is being emitted.
6. Cut back taller perennials (such as salvia, tall garden phlox, sedum and rudbeckia) to keep them full and bushy.
7. Pinch back mums and asters until the 4th of July; this will help them bloom in the fall and to stay bushier.
8. Prune flowering shrubs after they have flowered and prune or shear evergreens.
9. Watch for bagworms on all garden plants; however, evergreens are especially susceptible. Treat with *Fertilome Bagworm Insecticide*.

Fruits and Veggies

1. Remove developing flower stalks from rhubarb plants.
2. Set out tomatoes, peppers, eggplant and sweet potatoes.
3. Sow pumpkin seeds for a fall harvest.

Birds & Wildlife

1. Keep hummingbird feeders clean and full.
2. Filling bird feeders throughout the summer and providing clean fresh water in birdbaths will provide birds a safe haven throughout the summer.

Water Gardens**General**

1. With overhead water, minimize diseases by watering early in the morning and allowing foliage to dry off during the day.