

## The Garden in June ... To Do List

- \* Mow the lawn regularly - or have someone come do it for you, just make sure it is cut on a regular basis
- \* Remove suckers from shrubs and trees such as Lilac/Cherry/Crab Apple and shrub Roses. Cut flush with trunk or below ground take back as far as you are able
- \* Deadhead Lilac - cut just below spent flower , if you wish to cut back tree for shape or size make your stem cut just above two opposite nodes , remove spindly stems
- \* Deadhead Rhodos ...again, remove just the faded flowers taking care not to damage the underlying growth buds. You can cut prune the shrub for size and shape now as well if you choose and perhaps some Rhodo food. Don't be timid in cutting back old overgrown plants. New growth will grow at the nodes on those bare stems.
- \* Prune spring-flowering shrubs and vines after flowering is finished and before the plant sets buds for next year.
- \* Clean up foliage from tulips and daffodils once it has yellowed
- \* After flowering, congested clumps of bearded Iris can be lifted and divided , replant a healthy rhizome with foliage trimmed to a good fan shape. Extra plants can be shared with friends
- \* Roses should be blooming now, deadhead spent blossoms to a leaf stem with 5 leaflets and remove any leaves showing signs of blackspot (destroy these, do not put in compost) If you choose you can give your roses more "food" at this time. Watch for pests.... Prune "once blooming" roses after the flush of blooms have died.
- \* Plant out tomatoes, pinch out tops of broadbeans, plant seedlings of heat loving vegetables for fall harvest ....fertilize veggie plants
- \* Mulching between rows of veggies will conserve water
- \* Thin out seeded veggies to give room to grow
- \* Stop cutting asparagus growth mid-June to allow top growth to feed roots- also keep area clear of weeds
- \* Stake or tie plants that may need support
- \* Quick growing hedges can be given their first clipping
  - \* Weed and Water....especially container plants which can dry out very quickly in the longer warmer days
- \* Set out seedlings of late summer annuals
- \* Plant fall blooming perennials
- \* Hedges - trim Escallonia for flower in August and September , trim Heather after flowering to keep tidy
- \* Alpines – trim Aubretia, Saxifraga and other early bloomers to keep them tidy, water well in hot weather

Wander around your garden and admire the progress, check for gaps in plantings or poorly performing plants. Decide what to do to solve problems.

