

June Gardening To-Do List

June is here and it is time to get serious about gardening - Dust off those gardening gloves and get ready to get dirty!

1. **HARDEN OFF** all the warm season seedlings you started indoors, such as tomatoes and peppers, or petunias. Bring them to a sheltered spot outside and gradually introduce them to more and more sunshine. Too much sun too soon and they will crisp up and die. Leave them outside overnight once night time temperatures are consistently around 50 degrees. Once they have been hardened off, transplant them into your garden or raised beds.
2. **DIRECT SOW** crops such as corn, cucumbers, squash, and beans, as well as herbs like Basil and Cilantro.
3. **WEEDING** is extremely important right now. Get them while they are small and before they go to seed, or you will spend the rest of the summer trying, and failing, to control them. 10 – 15 minutes a day now will save you hours a day later.
4. **SHOP** your favorite local Garden Center for all the Herbs, Vegetable, and Flowers you didn't start from seed but still want in your garden. Remember to always have flowering plants along side your vegetables so the pollinators can find them!
5. **MULCHING** your garden beds and your container plants will help to conserve soil moisture and can suppress weeds, which means less time spent watering and weeding, and more time spent enjoying your gardens!
6. Add a little whimsy to your landscape by creating a space for a **FAIRY GARDEN**. It can be as simple as a Fairy house tucked among a patch of Lamb's Ear, or as elaborate as an entire village nestled amongst the Scrub Oak. 'If you build it, they will come'.

Happy Gardening!



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