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During economic down turns many customers take shorter vacations and decide to relax in the comfort of their own yard. I find this very relaxing and have termed my own retreats in the back yards as my "Staycation".

June is an ideal month to play in the yard. This is the month of perennials. Until now the cool nights of spring have held back many of the summer bloomers. Gardens come alive with summer time flowers such as Russian Sage, red salvia and butterfly bush. Ornamental grasses begin their summer plumbs and dance in the afternoon breeze.

This altitude is so mild we can easily plant with success in summer. Remember to water new trees and shrubs twice a week, while established plants need water once per week. The

secret to proper water is a deep soak, but infrequently. Let drip systems run 2-3 hours for the healthiest plants.

In the vegetable garden, this is the ideal month to sow seed for late cabbage, bush beans, black-eyed peas, cucumber and summer squash all grow well when planted now. Later this month plant June corn and pinto beans for harvest in late summer through fall.



**Hot Lips Salvia**

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Until next month, I'll see you in the garden center.

Check shrubs such as juniper, Alberta spruce and pyracantha for the webbing associated with spider mites. Watch for grasshoppers, blister beetles and caterpillars. Kill summer bugs with Hi-Yield "38 Plus Turf & Ornamental Insect Spray" at the first sign of damage.

## June Garden "To-Do"s

- *Water trees & shrubs 1 time per week; new plants twice per week.*
- *Plant summer bloomers now like: Rose of Sharon, carpet rose, salvia, Russian sage, dahlia and tall grasses*
- *Ideal month to sow cabbage, bush beans, peas, cucumber and summer squash.*

## Pest to watch for...

- *The webbing of Spider mites*
- *Grasshoppers, blister beetles and caterpillars*
- *Elm & grape leaf skeletonizer*

## Plants in bloom & looking good

- *Red Yucca, cliff rose, apache plume*
- *Red hot poker, Iris, gaura, coreopsis, galardia*
- *Crape Myrtle, Rose of Sharon, Butterfly bush, Potentilla*
- *Purple robe locust, golden rain tree*

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