



in the
Garden

JUNE
EDITION

- Start warm weather vegetables (Corn, Beans, Peppers, Egg Plant, Tomatoes, Squash, Pumpkins, etc.) as soon as possible. Enhance new plants' roots with Espoma Bio-Tone.
- Promote healthy growth on established herb and vegetable plants with an application of fertilizer like Espoma GardenTone or TomatoTone.
- Water container gardens more frequently with increased heat and sunlight. Water each container until the water saturates the soil and drains out the bottom. Hanging baskets require thorough watering. Water once, wait 5 minutes and water again.
- Stake tall flowers to keep them from blowing over in the wind. Add a stake to each planting hole as you're transplanting, and tie the stem loosely to the stake as the plant grows.
- Feed Endless Summer Hydrangeas once now (if you haven't already) and again in July for a second round of blooms this summer. Use Espoma HollyTone with soil acidifier to lower the PH for blue flowers and use FlowerTone or amend with Garden Lime to raise the PH for pink flowers.
- Fertilize annuals to encourage continued flowering with an organic option like Espoma's Organic Plant Tone.
- Tie climbing roses into position. Fertilize roses each month throughout the summer. Prune after blooming.
- Control mildew, aphids, black-spot or other disease problems or insect infestations with a systemic fungicide, miticide and insecticide like Bonide Rose Shield or Ferti-Lome Triple Action as a proactive measure.
- Deadhead and trim leggy annuals such as Fuchsias, Geraniums, Cosmos.
- Pinch your Chrysanthemums to encourage bushier, fuller blossoms in the fall and again as they grow every 6 inches or so.
- Remove dead foliage from your spring flowering bulbs once they have died back naturally.
- Pick out new perennials or plant a pollinator garden. Take pictures and ask our gardeners for a list of recommended plants.
- Consider creating a barrier to deter deer and other pests. Alternate or plant a perimeter of deer resistant plants. Try the all-natural i-must-garden deer repellent in liquid and granular solutions. Otherwise use fences or netting.