

Bluestem Breezes  
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## **June Gardening Calendar**

I'm finding that more and more I require lists to maximize my productivity. While I routinely consider any time spent in my gardens purely therapeutic, it is still advantageous to ensure I'm using my time wisely.

This week, I'm sharing another month of Johnson County Extension's Monthly Gardening Calendar. I know every item on the list won't apply to you, but adjust this list to fit your own yard and garden. Happy gardening!

### **Vegetables and Fruits**

- Renovate June bearing strawberry beds
- Fertilize strawberries and water regularly to promote new growth
- Plant another crop of sweet corn and green beans
- Watch tomatoes for foliar leaf disease development and treat
- Mulch crops for moisture conservation and weed control
- Continue a regular fruit disease and insect control program
- Treat peach trees for trunk borers
- Remove sucker growth from base of trees and along branches
- Pinch herbs to keep bushy and fresh with new growth
- Turn compost pile and keep moist for a quicker breakdown

### **Flowers**

- Pinch chrysanthemums for development of a bushy plant
- Deadhead spent flower blossoms to keep plant flowering
- Remove flower stalks from peonies and iris
- Mulch flower gardens for the summer to conserve moisture, control weeds and cool the soil
- Water plants as needed
- Fertilize roses with about 1 cup of low analysis fertilizer per plant
- Trim spent rose blossoms
- Check plants for insects
- Remove dead foliage from spring bulbs
- Water and fertilize container plantings regularly to encourage growth and flowering

### **Lawns**

- Raise mowing height on bluegrass and tall fescue to 3" or 3 ½" for summer heat resistance
- Fertilize zoysia lawns with high nitrogen fertilizer such as 27-3-3
- Sod or plug bare areas in zoysia lawns
- Spot treat for broadleaf weeds
- Core aerate zoysia lawns for removal of thatch and overall vigor

- Let grass clippings fall for nutrient recycling
- Water the turf sparingly to increase drought tolerance during heat of summer. Let turf wilt between watering for best results
- Check mower blade for sharpness and sharpen as needed
- Check lawn mower engine oil and add or change according to owners' manual

### **Trees and Shrubs**

- Check for bagworms and control as needed
- Mulch around the bases of trees and shrubs to conserve moisture
- Prune pines and spruces to shape and control size
- Water newly planted trees and shrubs as needed
- Prune spring flowering shrubs
- Do not damage tree trunks with mowers and weed whips
- Check for spider mite damage on various shrubs
- Clip hedges as needed to maintain shape

### **Houseplants**

- Fertilize throughout the summer months to encourage growth
- Wash leaves to remove dust
- Take cuttings to start new plants
- Prune and shape plants for added beauty
- Repot plants as needed in 1" larger containers
- Check for insect problems

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