

JUNE



PLANT

- Newly purchased container grown plants can still be planted. When it's time to water, don't skimp, always water thoroughly. This encourages roots to penetrate deeply into the soil, increasing drought resistance. Also water slowly so the moisture soaks deep in the soil. Clay soils require heavy applications but they retain moisture a long time. Water in the morning if possible.
- Dig, divide and replant bulbs (daffodils, hyacinths, etc.) that are crowded or are desired in another location .
- Daffodils planted in beds should be divided every 4 years.

PRUNE

- Trees and shrubs after they have finished blooming, both evergreen and deciduous.
- Pinch back mums and asters.
- "Deadhead" perennials and roses throughout the summer - some may need cutting back for greater vigor: impatiens, petunias, snapdragons.
- Prune annuals before you vacation, they'll be beautifully full when you return.
- Maples and birches.



FERTILIZE

- Broadleaf evergreens (azaleas, hollies, pieris, rhodies) after blooming, with acid fertilizer.
- Annuals, container plants, house plants, and roses weekly if using a fast-release fertilizer; less often if using an organic fertilizer.

GARDEN CHORES

- Set lawn mower to 3 to 4 inches and water thoroughly weekly. Do not feed lawn again until late fall.

- Divide and replant Bearded Iris between June and September. Good drainage is important to iris. Work a little organic material into planting spot and plant so that the top of the rhizome is left exposed. Cut foliage back to a fan of about 4"-6" .
- You can safely move daylilies while in bloom so you can study color combinations. Water well until established.
- Mulch perennial beds well for the summer. Set out Japanese beetle traps far from their favorite target plants.
- Water everything - use plastic soaker hoses with perforated side down which allows watering the soil, not the foliage. Mulch clematis well to keep its roots cool.



WATCH FOR

- Bagworm on needle evergreens, leaf miner on hollies, whitefly on azaleas, black spot and mildew on roses and photinia; for pest control recommendations, check with the Fluvanna or Albemarle Extension office.
- There is an easy way to control slugs and Japanese Beetles without using pesticides. Sink a container such as a margarine tub flush with the ground and fill with 1-2 inches of beer. Cut a hole in the lid and put the lid in place. Replace the beer-every 3 days.
- Remove any disease-infected leaves or plants immediately. Do not put them in the compost pile.

TIPS

- *While enjoying the daylilies and other perennials, note in your memo book which ones to transplant next year to achieve the color accents or coordination you want.*
- *Use hypericum with blue hydrangea, campanulas or spider wort.*
- *Do not transplant Maidenhair ferns which are fussy. Northern ferns are OK to transplant, like the Christmas fern.*

- ***Many plants are easy to propagate by ground layering. Some do it naturally like Gumpo Azaleas. Almost any low-growing shrub can be cloned this way. Bend the branch down to the ground. Scrape off outer bark of the branch where it touches the ground and secure the branch to the ground by covering with soil and a brick or stone, or anchor with landscape staples. Root formation should occur in 4-6 months. Branches bent now should have rooted well by spring. Then cut the branch away from the parent plant and replant it.***

GARDEN HIGHLIGHTS

- Annuals: ageratum, allyssum, geraniums, nicotiana, petunias
- Perennials: achillea, astilbe, late azaleas, bell flower, bleeding heart, oriental and canna.lilies, coreopsis, dahlias, daisies, daylilies, forget-me-not, gaillardia, Japanese Iris, lavender, meadow sweet, salvia, spinoea, Swedish (evening) primrose
- Climbers: Annual: moonflower, morning glory
- Perennial: clematis, fleece vine, honeysuckle, climbing hydrangea, roses.
- Shrubs: gumpo and satsyki azaleas, broom, deutzia, hydrangea, mock-orange, potentilla, smoke bush, weigelia, Japanese spirea
- Trees: golden-rain tree, evergreen and Virginia magnolia, styrax japonica, yellow wood