

June

- Most herbs need no fertilizer and little water so water only during prolonged dry spells.
- Plant tropical water lilies early in the summer.
- Remove old flower heads from bedding plants to prolong the period of bloom.
- Divide spring and early summer flowering perennials after the blooms fade. Instead of severing the clumps in half, try jiggling the roots apart with two sharp spading forks. This takes more time but damages fewer roots.
- Remove foliage from spring bulbs after it turns yellow and begins to dry.
- June is a great time to clean out the greenhouse. Discard dead or diseased plants and old potting soil. Good sanitation is necessary to control greenhouse pests.
- Take stem cuttings of woodies and perennials now. Also collect seed of firepinks, poppy, wild indigo and bleeding hearts. Fall bloomer such as Chrysanthemum can be cut back by half now to reduce their fall height.
- Miniature roses can be propagated from stem cuttings. Take cuttings with four leaves and insert them into pots filled with moist potting soil. Rooting hormone is optional. Water as needed. By autumn, cuttings should be rooted.
- Watch for and control black spot and powdery mildew on rose foliage.
- Spring-flowering shrubs such as deutzia, weigela, viburnum, and forsythia should be pruned as soon as they complete bloom.