

## Gardening Article

June marks the beginning of summer and the start of family vacations. Don't forget to mow, weed, and water before you leave. Maintaining a well-kept lawn will help eliminate the idea of your being gone. Move pots into a shaded area, where they will be automatically watered by the sprinklers, if automated, if not, let your neighbor know your watering schedule. Harvest your vegetable garden to keep it productive. Water house plants thoroughly then place out of direct light so they will retain moisture.

Roses may be the star of the garden in May, but they take lower billing to daylilies in June. Daylilies are not the only color in the June garden. Gladiolus, red-hot poker, yarrow, and numerous annuals are also competing for attention. Plant marigolds, verbena, zinnias, and dahlias for instant color. Perennials such as coreopsis, penstemon, and statice offer height and diversity as well as bright shots of color. Plant shade loving plants like coleus, impatiens, and ferns to waken those shady areas. Welcome hummingbirds into your garden with honeysuckle, lilacs, and hibiscus.

It's still not too late to plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, squash, melons, cucumbers, pumpkins, and gourds. Reseed or transplant seedlings every three weeks for successive harvests of beans, corn, and squash.

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