

Timely Turf Tips

June 2014

Summer is here; get out and enjoy it. Display your yard and garden now when the plentiful rainfall and warmer temperatures of late has the lawns and gardens vigorously growing. Share the lushness of early summer by inviting over the neighbors. There will always be maintenance to do. Don't forget to let others see the beauty you have created.

June yard and garden tips:

- Did you run out of room in your garden or straw bale garden for all your favorite peppers and tomatoes? Maybe you think that you don't have space for a few pepper and tomato plants. We have a solution for you. Peppers and tomatoes do well in pots. We have a variety of pots- 12", 14", self-watering, Smart Pots, Earthbox, and raised fabric beds. Hugo Feed Mill and Hardware also carries everything you'll need to keep your garden growing this summer, from fertilizer to watering cans. See coupons below for your free pepper picked out by Steve (a.k.a. Dr. Pepper) and don't forget the pots to grow them in. Check out these links for ideas on how to grow plants in the Earthbox and Smart Pots: <http://earthbox.com> and <http://www.smartpots.com/>.
- Remember to fertilize your lawn with an application of 25-0-15 fertilizer, now improved with 50% slow-release nitrogen, before mid-June if you have not applied any fertilizer this spring.
- Spray Weed Free Zone or Speedzone on creeping Charlie, clover, dandelions, and thistle now before temperatures increase. Both products become rain-fast in 4 hrs. and allow reseeding within 2 weeks of application.
- Stop in for netting to protect your strawberries from the birds.
- Remove young weeds now when they are easy to pull. Consider using organic mulch later in the month after soil temps have increased to keep weeds out and help retain moisture.
- Thin those early seeded crops like radishes, leaf lettuce and spinach to allow the young plants room to grow.
- Rhubarb can be picked up to the end of the month. Remember to remove any flower stalks.
- Prune spring flowering shrubs like lilacs right after bloom is done in order to prevent pruning off the next season flower buds.
- If some of your perennials are getting too big for their space, thin them now by removing some to give to your gardening friends or just compost them before they overtake the plants around them. Everyone will benefit.
- For a good fall bloom, prune back garden chrysanthemums one final time near the end of the month.
- Did you provide a nectar feeder for hummingbirds or orioles? Remember to change the nectar more often as the temperature increases. If temp is over 80°, clean and refill every 3-4 days. Cloudiness means spoilage, flush with hot water from the faucet. Stay away from soap if possible. Consider using a bottle brush. Disinfect monthly with a solution of ¼ c bleach to 1 gal of water. Soak feeder in bleach solution 1 hour, clean with brush, and rinse with tap water and fill with new sugar solution.



Enter the "Largest Pumpkin" contest

Have you ever wanted to win a largest pumpkin contest? If so, then stop in now and purchase your Monster Pumpkin plants for Hugo Feed Mill's pumpkin growing contest. You could win 1st place and receive a \$50 gift certificate. Don't miss out on this fun opportunity as supplies are limited.

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