

# Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for June

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- **CREATE** unique bouquets and arrangements for your graduation and Father's Day festivities with natural elements from your personal flowerbeds.
- **SWING** on a hammock under a tree for a soothing dose of relaxing nature therapy.
- **GIVE** dad a green gift on Father's Day that he'll enjoy for years to come. Perhaps a blueberry bush for healthy antioxidant eating or a beautiful bougainvillea to enliven the backyard fence.
- **PRINT** personalized coupons to help with the weeding, watering, and digging as another great gift idea for all gardening dads. Mother Nature will thank you.
- **PLANT** cilantro, lettuces, and basil in containers for easy reach for your culinary treats.
- **CHECK** your irrigation timers to make sure they are working properly and set to early morning or evening, but not during the day. Twice a week watering is sufficient for most gardens and will help you conserve our H2O.
- **PROTECT** your plants from hungry hunters as food gets scarce during the dry summer months by installing wire cages, netting, or repellents. No plant is 100 percent deer or rabbit proof.



*A hanging pot of petunias brightens any patio.*

- **TREAT** diseases with organic remedies. Neem oil and plant based cures are recommended.
- **CELEBRATE** summer by encouraging children to sow easy-to-grow sunflowers. Press the seeds into the soil, add water, and watch the wizardry that can surpass 16 feet!
- **PULL** onions for salads and grilling.
- **TOLERATE** minor aphid infestation to allow lady beetles (aka ladybugs) and "aphid lions" lacewing larvae to do their beneficial pest control. The good bugs only stick around when they have an infested buffet to feed on.
- **USE** the lily pad shaped petals of nasturtiums as serving dishes for appetizers as they are deliciously edible.
- **THINK** ahead to Halloween and Thanksgiving now by sowing your pumpkin seeds directly into the enriched, fertilized ground before mid-June.
- **DRIVE** carefully through neighborhoods as school is soon out for the summer and kids are enjoying the outdoors.

Congratulations to our Lamorinda graduates of all ages and the beautiful June brides and grooms. Wishing the men a joyful Daddy's Day too! Enjoy a warm, fun-filled June!

Happy Gardening and Happy Growing.



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## Does your yard look tired?

### Do you have weeds and your lawn has dead or dry spots?

Advance Tree Service can re-place lawns and upgrade irrigation systems, replace bender boards and add plants and flowers in only a few days. Don't waste water on an old lawn - a new and healthy lawn will not only look better but will save you water as well. Landscaping can add value and curb appeal. Good landscaping doesn't have to be time consuming or expensive. With the right plan and some creativity, you can easily be the envy of all your neighbors.

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