



Roses are prolific bloomers this year.

Don't over water or seeds will drown.

- **THIN** as necessary. Discards the remnants to the compost bin.
- **FERTILIZE** with organic micronutrients once a plant has several leaves.
- **TRANSPLANT** when each plant is big enough to outgrow its planter.
- **REWARD** yourself and your children with the harvest of vegetables or flowers.

#### SUN SAFE TIPS:

National Sun Safety Week is June 5-11.

- **APPLY** sunscreen daily and especially before going out into the garden. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer.
- **WEAR** a hat to protect your head and sunglasses to protect your eyes.
- **CHECK** your skin for any abnormalities and see a physician if you suspect problems.



Rhododendrons need moisture to keep healthy.

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#### FIREPROOF YOUR GARDEN

It's probably not possible to completely fireproof any area, but follow guidelines issued by the fire protection districts to create defensible spaces no later than June 15.

- **PREVENT** embers from igniting your home in the event of a fire by clearing leaves, needles and debris from gutters, eaves, porches and decks.
- **REMOVE** dead vegetation from under your deck and within ten feet of your home.
- **TRIM** weeds and grasses to three inches.
- **PRUNE** tree branches so that the lowest branches are between six-ten feet from the ground.
- **REDUCE** "fire fuel laddering" by pruning to separate trees from bushes.
- **MAINTAIN** your property and weed-whack or pull any re-growth.