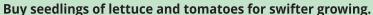
Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for June

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PLANT tomatoes, peppers, lettuces, eggplants, arugula, cucumbers, beans, corn and pumpkins. Herbs to plant now for summer harvesting are basil, parsley and cilantro.

STAKE or provide a wire cage to support tomatoes so the fruit won't touch the soil and rot.

APPLY snail bait to newly planted seedlings and wherever you witness slugs or snails.

FERTILIZE trees, shrubs, and ground covers before the summer heat.

SPRAY crape myrtles to prevent powdery mildew with a natural fungicide such as neem oil extract, jojoba oil, or potassium bicarbonate.

CHECK irrigation systems and readjust sprinkler heads as needed.

TACKLE aphids with ladybugs or for a small infestation, spray with a mixture of water and dish detergent.

CUT dead canes of hydrangeas to the ground (anything without a green bud on it). Don't prune hydrangeas in spring or fall or the flowering buds will be cut off.

BUY a shorter variety or move a too tall hydrangea as they cannot be pruned to reduce height. Hydrangeas always replace their height. If a hydrangea is drooping on a hot day, it doesn't need water. It will rebound as the evening cools. Hydrangeas grow great in containers.

ADD Sulphur or aluminum sulfate to acidic soil to get blue hydrangeas. Rusty nails or copper do not work.

TREAT both upper and lower leaves of roses with organic Sulphur for fungus problems including black spot, rust and powdery mildew.

PRUNE azaleas immediately after spring flowering.

PULL out the dried fronds of spring bulbs. If a bulb comes out with the leaves, cut off the dried foliage and either replant the bulb in a new place immediately or put in a dark, cool space to replant in the fall.

CELEBRATE your gardening dad on Father's Day by buying a copy of "Growing with the Goddess Gardener" or "Chicken Soup for the Gardener's Soul" at https://www.CynthiaBrian.com/online-store.

CARE for your lawn by raking leaves, twigs and dead grass. Pull the weeds including dandelions, chickweed, bittercress and henbit. Aerate and leave the



Potato vine and purple trumpet vine are happy companions.

plugs on the grass. Cover bare patches by over-seeding with Pearl's Premium grass seed. Visit www.Pearlspremium.com

Water early in the morning and fertilize once more before the heat of summer. When mowing, never cut off more than 1/3 and leave grass clippings on the lawn at least every two times you mow.

HARVEST cherries, lemons, tangelos, loquats and tangerines.

FEED your family and friends in body, mind, and spirit by planting a Victory Garden 3.0.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing. Happy Father's Day.



Tomatoes can be planted in large pots or even buckets. Add basil for extra flavor.



A raised bed filled with cabbages, arugula, and Brussel sprouts.