

## The Goddess Gardener's Gardening Guide for June

- **LEARN** to identify insects and diseases to better detect problems early.
- **ENCOURAGE** natural enemies such as toads, lizards, snakes, birds, ladybugs, and praying mantis.
- **ROTATE** crops to avoid depleting the soil and building up pests.
- **MAKE** your own potting mix by combining equal parts of compost.
- **BEWARE** of the deadly plant, poison hemlock. Identify it by its red spots. Wear gloves and a mask when weeding.
- **WATER** lawns and flowerbeds deeply to encourage strong root growth.
- **HARVEST** seeds of perennials like penstemon, calendula, and poppies to spread in other areas where color is needed.
- **SUCCESSION** planting is the key to a plentiful supply of summer greens including lettuces, arugula, beets, carrots and radishes. Sow your favorite seeds every three weeks as you consume.
- **PREVENT** fires by removing debris, dead branches, and refuse from around your home and yard.
- **WEED** a final time before the hot weather arrives. Weeds suck the moisture and nutrients from nearby plants.
- **PLANT** bottlebrush as a large privacy screen and bee magnet.
- **CLEAN** patio furniture. Freshen your outdoor look with paint, new cushions, or throw pillows.
- **CUT** bouquets of roses to enhance your indoor rooms.
- **WANT** a perennial that blooms year-round? The delicate Santa Barbara daisy is easy to grow and lives in unison with roses.
- **DETER** raccoons from rolling back your lawn searching for grubs by putting down fruit tree netting which they dislike on their feet.
- **MAKE** your voice heard. VOTE in the elections.



Helpful lizards eat bugs that we don't want in our gardens.



Water lawns deeply once a week in the morning or evening.

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