

**“A man taking basil from a woman will love her always.”-Sir  
Thomas Moore**



### **June-In Our Herb Garden:**

- Shape plants by pruning gently, pinch back blossoms to save plants from going to seed and cross-pollinating, and mulch.
- Maintaining 2" of mulch is the key to saving water, discouraging weeds, and cooling the soil. Soil conditioner or pine bark is one of the best. As it rots, it enriches the soil.
- Check watering system(s). Drip irrigation is ideal. Water early in the morning and deeply, check on a regular basis. Caution: do not over-water, keep water-thirsty plants separate from more tolerant plants (this makes watering chores much easier). It is easy to kill sage or rosemary by being too kind with water, especially if the area or pot is poorly drained. Heavy infrequent watering are the best.
- During periods of high heat and humidity, check and apply "earth-kind" treatments for pests, such as spider mites, white flies, aphids, and mealy bugs. Hit plants twice monthly with high pressure water from a hose to keep them in check.
- If you're looking for a different summer plant, consider basil for the summer garden. Many colors, shapes and fragrances (& flavors) are available.
- *HERBS: A Resource Guide for San Antonio* (visit the San Antonio Herb Society's web site @ <http://www.saherbs.org>)

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