



JUNE GARDENING TIPS

ANNUALS

-If you are still planting warm-weather annuals, keep soil moist (not soaking), to make sure they are able to get some quick roots established before the heat really starts raging.

-Pinch flowers off of coleus to encourage a fuller plant. (Foliage is the prize on coleus!)

Start looking for new homes around your landscape for those sun-loving annuals in containers that really can't take our full sun during the summers (ex: geraniums). Offer them a spot with a little shade in the afternoon. Sun exposure becomes a very different thing in San Antonio summers!

TURF

-You might be needing to mow weekly to maintain proper turf height now that grass is growing (and especially when rain amps up the speed of growth).

-By the end of the month you really shouldn't be using weed killers. It'll most likely be too hot (it may already be) and you could cause serious damage to your turf. READ LABELS!

ROSES

-Pick up fallen leaves with blackspot and dispose of them.

-Keep up with your preventative spray program, but only spray in early morning or later evening hours so as not to burn your roses).

-You can prune any NON-REPEAT BLOOMING roses.

TREES & SHRUBS

-It'll be more difficult to get trees & shrubs established in the heat of summer, except for palms...they can be planted all summer.

-Finish up any pruning on spring-blooming shrubs this month.

PERENNIALS

-Forget "pre-scheduled" watering days you may have made for yourself. Go by the weather. If rain is absent, water more often to prevent plants from drying up and shriveling up. If a drenching rain has occurred, hold off watering and let perennials dry out a bit to ward off root rot.

-Towards the last week or two of June, shear back fall-blooming perennials by 1/3 for a great fall show.

VEGGIES AND HERBS

-Pot up some of your seeds for fall veggie transplants (yes, really). You don't have to grow them inside like you do for early spring. Just put them in a place with morning sun and afternoon shade and keep them moist.

-Plan to maintain and harvest the rest of your cucumbers and squash; the next couple of months it's harder to grow them.

-Mulch veggie beds to help regulate soil temperature and keep weeds at bay.

-Pinch flowers off of basil to encourage a bushier growth and more of those delicious leaves.