



QUICK SUMMER GARDENING TIPS

Sunlight

- Summer sun is much more intense than spring, fall, and winter sun.
- Some container plants may need to be moved to receive AM sun/PM shade.

Planting

- Tree and shrub planting is generally not advised through summer. If you can, wait until fall.
- Xeric plants, tropicals, and hot weather annuals can still be planted but will still need extra attention to watering.
- The application of a root stimulator at planting can help reduce transplant shock and encourage activation of root system development.

Mulching

- Use mulch for moisture retention, weed suppression, and soil temperature regulation.

Pest, Fungus, & Weed Controls

- Once temps are over 85°, you MUST be careful not to spray plant with any pest, disease, or weed controls in direct sunlight. You can burn or damage (even kill) plants even with organic sprays.
- Apply only in early AM or late evening, when sun rays aren't out and temps have come down.

Watering

- Slow, deep, infrequent watering is preferable for plants over fast, shallow, frequent watering.
- Water more often during high temperatures and drought.
- Check local watering restrictions to avoid fines and conserve water.
- Consider using drip irrigation or soaker hoses.

Pruning

- It's best to avoid heavy pruning in summer to prevent stressing plants.
- Trim no more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of a plant's growth at once and only remove damaged or diseased limbs from trees and shrubs.
- Water and fertilize immediately after.

Fertilizing

- Keep plants fed for best performance, but ALWAYS water fertilizer in well.
- Keep fertilizer directed around the base of plants, and avoid getting fertilizer on foliage to avoid burning plants.

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