

# Ask an Expert – June Gardening Tips and Checklist

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To help make your yard and garden the best they can be this year, consider these tips from Utah State University Extension's [Gardeners Almanac](#).

- Discontinue harvesting [asparagus](#) spears in early June to allow the fronds to form for the rest of the growing season.
- Prune [tomatoes](#) to open the canopy of the plant.
- Consider [drip irrigation](#) in the garden to conserve water.
- Consider planting [sweet corn](#) in the garden every other week (until early July) to extend the harvest.
- Prune spring flowering shrubs (those that bloom before June) after they have bloomed to encourage new flower buds for next season.
- Deadhead (cut off) spent blossoms of perennial and annual flowers.
- Thin the fruit of apples, peaches, and apricots to approximately one fruit every 5-6 inches.
- Apply a second application of pre-emergent herbicides in late May to early June to control annual [weeds in the lawn](#) such as crabgrass and spurge.
- Remember that turfgrass only needs 1 to 1 ½ inches of irrigation per week. [See irrigation needs in your area](#).

### Pests and Problems:

- Monitor vegetables and herbs for [earwig](#) damage.

- Protect ash trees with a registered chemical to prevent [lilac/ash borer](#) damage.
- Use control measures in apples and pears to reduce wormy fruit. For specific timing see the [Utah Pests Advisories](#).
- Treat for [powdery mildew](#) on apples beginning when leaves are emerging (at 1/2 inch green) until June.
- Watch for insect [pests in raspberries](#) from mid-May thru early June. For specific timing, see our [Utah Pests Advisories](#).
- Control the [Western cherry fruit fly](#) when fruit changes color from straw color to pink to avoid maggots in cherries.
- Control the [peach twig borer](#) in peaches, nectarines, and apricot trees. For specific timing see our [Utah Pests Advisories](#).
- Monitor for damaging turfgrass insects. In areas previously damaged, consider a preventative (systemic) insecticide.
- Consider taking an [online gardening course](#). Courses cover everything from container vegetable gardening and creating the perfect soil to planting trees and controlling pests. They are geared to both beginning and professional gardeners.
- Explore more gardening tips on Extension's [yard and garden website](#).
- [Click here](#) to see a video of June gardening tips.

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