

Gardener's Almanac Checklist for June

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It has been said that June is the gateway to summer. With that comes many opportunities to be out in the yard and garden. Utah State University Extension's Gardener's Almanac provides a checklist of tasks for June as well as links for tips and further information.



Tasks:

- Harvesting of [asparagus](#) spears should stop 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 in every 5-6 inches.
- Apply a second application of pre-emergent herbicides in early June to control annual [weeds in the lawn](#) such as crabgrass and spurge.

·Turfgrass only needs 1-1 ½ inches of irrigation per week. [Click here](#) for 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.
- Control [Codling moth](#) in apples and pears to reduce wormy fruit. For specific timing, see the [Utah Pests Advisories](#).
- Treat for [powdery mildew](#) on apples 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 the [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 the [Utah Pests Advisories](#).
- Monitor for damaging [turfgrass insects](#). In areas previously damaged, consider a preventative (systemic) insecticide.

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