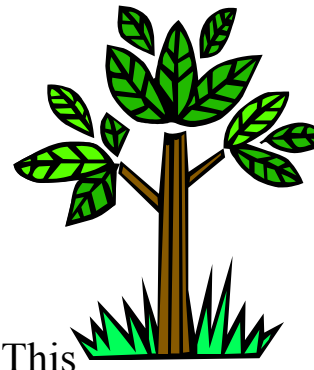


June Gardening Tips



This is our last shot at spring here in Orange County of SoCal, so make it great! Hydrangeas are beginning to bloom. This is the best time to purchase them because nurseries are carrying them in bloom and you can determine what you are getting. Plant them in the ground immediately or keep them in the container and wait until fall to plant.

Usually in June we have cool mornings and warm afternoons. Plant tropicals such as bougainvillea, palms and banana now as well as last-minute perennials, annuals and vegetables.

Set your mower blades high. A longer lawn in the summer preserves moisture and crowds out weeds.

Enjoy your lovely garden that is showing beauty as a result of all of your hard work!

- .Dig up and store dry-dormant bulbs
- .Thin fruit on fruit trees – pick off the smallest to achieve one fruit for every four inches along a branch
- .Pinch,prune and divide
- .Deadhead flowering plants for continuous blooms
- .Divide bearded iris
- .Fertilize lawns,citrus,vegetables,perennials,roses and tropicals
- .Mulch garden beds
- .Control snails and slugs
- .Control powdery mildew
- .Watch for aphids on roses
- .Look out for whiteflies – put a 2-inch mulch of worm castings around plant and water into soil
- .Use BT on fuschias to control cabbage loopers
- .Cyclamen are semidormant now, but they still need occasional watering. Most of all, have fun and enjoy your garden and all of the wildlife that the plants bring to it!

Sources: OC Register/Cindy McNatt, [52 Weeks in the California Garden](#) by Robert Smaus, [Southern California Gardening](#) by Pat Welsh