



BASKET CASE GREENHOUSE

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SUMMER SEASONAL TASKS

- Plant and support warm season crops, such as tomatoes, peppers, summer and winter squash, corn, cucumbers, and herbs.
- Keep up with dead heading, this tedious task is sure to reward you with more blooms throughout the summer.
- Spring blooming bulbs can be dead headed, however, keep the foliage in-tact until it wilts and yellows, as the foliage will feed the bulb and help to ensure its growth and re-blooming next year.
- Early flowering shrubs such as Rhododendrons, Azaleas, Forsythia, Weigela, and Lilacs should be pruned now, before next years buds set.
- Keep up with watering daily. Stressed plants are the first to attract insects and disease. If you don't have a good watering system, drip irrigation can save you lots of time and money.
- Mulching your garden will help reduce moisture evaporation and drought stress in your garden.
- Be aware of pest and disease problems. Aphids can be troublesome in the garden this time of year. Act quickly to reduce the damage. Maintain a good weekly fertilizing program to keep plants healthy. Insecticidal soap or Neem Oil spray will keep them at bay.
- Some early berry crops are ready for harvest. Your crops can be covered in bird netting to preserve the harvest for you, the gardener.
- Harvest garlic when the tops have yellowed. Allow the bulbs to dry for 1-2 weeks to preserve it for months to come.
- If you are planning a fall crop of cool season veggies, now is a great time to start some vegetable seeds like cabbage, kale, broccoli, lettuce, peas, onions, Swiss chard, and root crops, such as carrots and beets.
- Fertilize roses, they are heavy feeders and can benefit from a summer feeding. We have fertilizers you may need.
- If needed, trim deciduous hedges to allow them time to adjust before dormancy.
- Prune out suckers, water sprouts, and crossing branches from trees and shrubs.
- Gather herbs for drying and produce for preserving. Is your garden yielding more than you can manage? Consider donating to your local food bank.