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Monthly Tips to Help You Care and Maintain Your Landscape.

Tips for JUNE

- Prune young evergreens to desired shapes. Don't cut tops until full desired heights are reached. Prune Figs, Oleanders and thin old wood on Pomegranates.
- Prune perennials to remove spent flower stalks, seeds and browned leaves.
- Inspect crape myrtles weekly for aphids or powdery mildew.
- Watch for and control insects on developing pecan nuts.
- Pinch back Mums and Poinsettias to encourage branching. Also pinch out growing tips of Coleus, Copper Plants, Fall Aster and other perennials and annuals that tend to get lanky.
- Mulch heavily around ornamental to protect and provide soil moisture before hot, dry weather. Give Green Grass a call, we can provide this service.
- Make sure your sprinkler system is properly programmed and fine tuned. Our licensed lawn sprinkler technicians can provide this service.



Start new tomato plants early in the month for planting out late in June.

Be on the lookout for tomato problems such as early blight which causes lower leaves to turn yellow in large blotches, then quickly drying and browning. Also, watch for spider mites in mid-month, causing plants to turn tan and mottled from bottoms of plants up.

Pick vegetable as soon as or just before full ripeness is reached. Ripened vegetables left on plants will prevent more production from beans, cucumbers, peas, summer squash and other vegetables. Can or freeze extras for off season eating.

“SUMMER LANDSCAPES”

When our night time temperatures get in the high 80's and above, our landscape will need plants that have a high tolerance for heat.

Some heat tolerant annuals are:

- ***Lantana*** – likes sun, makes an excellent groundcover, but has inconsistent blooming.
- ***Vinca (Periwinkle)*** – the most heat tolerant, reliable and consistent performing annual.
- ***Vip Petunia*** – a prolific blooming plant that stands up well during most of our hot summer months.
- Other heat tolerant annuals are ***Portulaca, Salvia, Purslane, Verbena, Zinnia, Moss Rose, Cosmos and Amaranthus.***
- Some heat tolerant plants that do well in shade or part shade are ***Caladiums, Impatiens, Coleus and Begonias.*** These annuals are reliable and will provide a focal point for an otherwise stressed out landscape.

"Poinciana or Pride of Barbados"



Whether you call it Poinciana or Pride of Barbados, it is a knock-out plant for the San Antonio area.

In the hottest part of summer, it blooms glowing orange-red. It is an extraordinary xeriscape plant for full sun.

Poincianas freeze back each winter in most San Antonio neighborhoods. They start growing in late April and usually reach about seven or eight feet in height. In locations where they don't freeze back, these deciduous plants can reach heights of 10 feet.

Poinciana can take all the heat and drought that our summers hand it, but if you live in a deer infested neighborhood, Poinciana may not be a good choice as the deer seem to pass up other plants and keep Poincianas pruned to the ground.

Poinciana tolerates the poorest soil as long as it is in full sun and receives enough water to get established. Be careful not to over water, letting the soil dry between watering.

You may purchase Poincianas in 5 gallon containers or you can start them from seed. If planting from seeds, collect the seed when the pods reach full size, then plant the seed in a container about 1/4 inch deep, and place the container in full sun. It will germinate by fall when planted in June. Protect the plant in the winter and transplant in the garden in the spring after danger of a freeze is past.

IS YOUR DRINKING WATER SAFE?

If you have a sprinkler system you should have a backflow prevention device. If you don't, your house water may not be safe. Green Grass has licensed Backflow Inspectors and Installers. Call us for more details!



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