

June Gardening Activities

Q. What are some of garden activities I can be doing in June?

A: Great question! We checked the UT Tennessee Home Fruit and Vegetable Garden Calendar (Publication W436) found on the UT Extension website <https://utextension.tennessee.edu/>. We will highlight some garden activities that you should be doing this month.

Check your tomato plants to see if they need to be staked up or caged. They can get tall quickly. A weekly check should be sufficient. Also, make sure the bottom branches are trimmed off to keep rainwater from splashing up to these leaves and encouraging leaf spot and blight. If you keep a garden diary, record when your tomato flowers appear. Garden diaries are very handy tools for keeping track of what you have planted, where you planted seed, and when.

If you planted cool season crops, check those for harvest. As temperatures rise, these plants tend to go to seed and finish producing.

Check your blueberry bushes this week, you might be able to grab some of those fresh berries before the birds get to them. Spray only if you see pests on your bushes. June is a good time to fertilize these bushes. Be sure and follow the directions on all chemicals and fertilizers you use in the garden!

You can still succession-plant beans and corn during June. This will keep you harvesting through the late summer.

For more June gardening activities and for planning ahead in July please check out the calendar found on the website above.

Thanks for the question and enjoy your June gardening!

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