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Some Random Landscape Thoughts

Even though many of us look forward to summer, the unbearable heat of some days can still chase us inside to hide with the comfort of our air conditioners. But before the dog days of summer really start howling, you can take steps to prepare your lawn for the hot days ahead.

EVERYTHING NEEDS WATER

Most lawns need an average of 1" of water per week during the growing season. Grass suffering from a lack of moisture will have a bluish cast, and will not spring back after being stepped on. Severe water deprivation will eventually lead to dormancy and a brown lawn.

Light sprinklings can actually do more harm than good. Make sure you water your lawn to a depth of 6" and make the most of every drop too, by watering during the cooler parts of the day to avoid loss through evaporation.

SUN-WORSHIPPING WEEDS

Weed activity increases with the temperature. These hardy villains can survive with less water than grass. By watering deeply, you can support a thick lawn that will crowd out many weeds. It will also help to mow your lawn higher. Taller blades of grass keep the sun from reaching weed seeds and small plants. A longer blade also provides more food for the grass plant.

WHEN DISEASE STRIKES

Disease organisms lie dormant in many soils until conditions are just right for them to flourish. Periods of hot, humid weather are one of the highest risk times for disease outbreaks. The symptoms of lawn disease can be mistaken for heat stress. Upon closer inspection though, some sort of spotting or banding on the grass blades can be seen. Also, disease will often start in one area and then spread, instead of affecting the entire lawn all at once. So, before the sun starts beating down and you sneak inside for some relief, make sure your lawn is ready for the heat. A healthy lawn is always the best defense against the stresses of summer.

Happy Landscaping!

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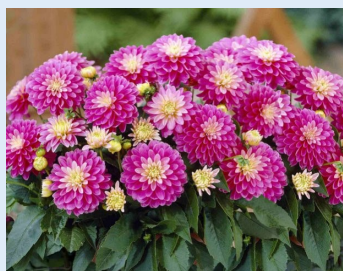


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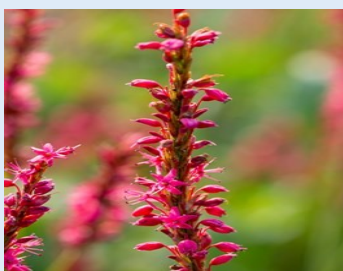
We cannot be more pleased with the outcome. Not only is it aesthetically pleasing, but most importantly, very functional. I know my family and I will enjoy it for years to come."

- Tayler Hendrix

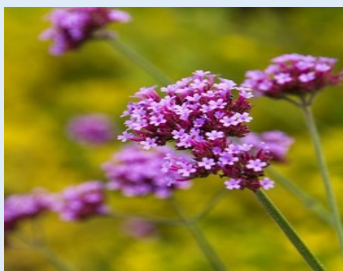
Our 3 Favorite Plants for June



Dahlias make a beautiful symmetrical ball of brightly colored petals that will cheer up any garden! Different varieties grow to different heights and sizes, they even have different needs.



Firetail Fleece form a tall, spreading clump of leathery green leaves, bearing long spikes of poker flowers beginning in June.



Tall Verbena

Showy clusters of tiny rose-violet flowers rise above handsome foliage over a long blooming season.

June Landscape Tips

Time of Day

Water in early-morning hours before sunrise.

Plant Selection

Choose plants that are native to the arid climates of Central Valley and require less water and time.

Upgrade Your Irrigation

Replace your irrigation system with a "smart clock" and save water and money.

Brown Spots

Check that your sprinkler heads are level to grade, perpendicular to the slope of the lawn and not watering sidewalks.

Check Your Irrigation System

Do weekly checks for broken or misaligned sprinkler heads and drip emitters.

Mow for Best Results

Recommended mowing heights are 2 1/2" to 3" for Tall Fescue and 3/4" to 1 1/2" for Bermuda.



What Is Xeriscaping And How Does It Help Commercial Properties?



Commercial property owners are often looking for ways to keep their land vibrant, healthy, and attractive while also lowering their maintenance and utility costs. Xeriscaping is a form of strategic landscaping that reduces the need for heavy irrigation by incorporating native, low-maintenance plants, trees, and shrubs.

Reduces Water Usage

Choosing drought-resistant plants, shrubs, and trees mean that property owners need to use far less water to keep them healthy and hydrated.

Requires Less Maintenance

Requires far less maintenance and labor since it is reliant on native plants, trees, and flowers throughout the property. These indigenous types of plants are less likely to need replacing and can better defend themselves against plant diseases.

Protects Property Values

It ensures that the commercial property remains healthy, beautiful, and valuable even without constant maintenance and upkeep.