



# 12 Months of Gardening

June 2018

- You can move houseplants to a protected location outdoors to enjoy the sun and warm temperatures. But, allow your plants time to gradually adjust to the outdoor conditions
- Water your lawn infrequently (and deeply) to promote drought resistance and strong roots. 2.5 centimeters (1 inch) of water per week is enough to keep your lawn healthy and green. For more information on lawns check out our green thumb guides. [Click Here!](#)
- Now is the time to apply your late spring lawn fertilizer – we recommend Nutrite 10-25-10 started fertilizer even on established lawns (use only if you have not fertilized within last two months).
- Garlic, when planted close (about 3 ft.) to your roses could help prevent aphids. Keep moisture off of the foliage to prevent black spot. If such problems occur, use insecticidal soap to control the aphids and garden sulphur to control black spot.
- Keep an eye on the amount of rain that Mother Nature provides. In times of drought, you will have to water your new plantings until they are established.
- Evergreens can be pruned once new growth has fully extended. This will encourage bushier growth.
- Pinch back late flowering perennials to encourage more flowers. Cut back the spent flower heads on your roses to encourage the growth of more flowers.
- Stake peonies, tomatoes, dahlias, gladioli, and other tall plants to prevent them from falling over.
- Change the water in your birdbath regularly – standing water may become a breeding ground for mosquitoes, and also the birds will appreciate it.
- Be on the lookout for early signs of insect and disease problems. Speak with the knowledgeable staff at our Service Desk (or send us an email at [humber@gardencentre.com](mailto:humber@gardencentre.com)). It is better to get a handle on such problems as they are just beginning.
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