

JUNE GARDENING TIPS

-Still don't pull out daffodil greens unless they are turning brown.

-Prune spring flowering shrubs as soon as possible after they finish blooming.

-Deadhead perennials and roses weekly.

-Keep your mums pinched back until July 1 to prevent early blooming.

-It is better to water your gardens thoroughly once a week rather than daily light watering. Make sure you run all the warm water out of the hose before watering.



-Even though you may have used a potting soil with a fertilizer in it, I suggest you start feeding all planters weekly with a light, water soluble fertilizer - Miracle Grow or something similar.

-Cut amsonias back by about a third.

-Poison ivy soaps should contain **jewelweed**, a natural antidote. It can be used at any stage, even before the rash appears. Burt's Bees makes one, and Robin's Nest carries another brand.

-Sunburn? Quite a few natural treatments. - Baking soda sprinkled into tepid bathwater, let the solution dry on your skin. - Mix 1 cup of white vinegar into a tub of cool water. - Oatmeal water applied every 2/4 hours. - Aloe, use a knife to slit open a leaf and spread the gel over your sunburn.

-Here's a good one! **Basil** for mosquito bites. Take 3 leaves and rub them together in the palm of your hand until the juices are released, then place the mashed leaves directly on the bites.

-**BEWARE** - the snapping turtles are leaving the streams/ponds looking for a nesting spot. They love newly spread mulch, or better yet, a big pile of mulch. Had one in my yard just this week.



I'm running out of room, so, I suggest you get the July issue of [The Herb Companion](#) - great articles about basil and the use of mulches. Also, wonderful articles in August [Fine Gardening](#) - coneflowers, drought tolerant shrubs, focal point plants by region, time-saving tips, and much more.