

Top Ten List – June

1. **Prune** the spring flowering shrubs after they are done blooming. Lilacs, forsythia, and snowball bushes are all spring bloomers. Take one or two of the big stems or trunks down at the ground to allow young wood to grow up and bloom in later years, and thus keeping the shrubs under control.
2. **Watering the lawn** in the evening is an open invitation for lawn fungus. Watering after 2am and cycling to get 2 to 3 run times that morning creates less runoff, healthier lawn. In many communities, there are designated water days, depending on your address. Check your area to make sure that you are following your local watering lawn. Increase the time on your irrigation timer 20-30% for summer heat.
3. Check and **spray** your roses, euonymus, apples, and crabapples for powdery mildew. This white, powder-like fungus grows quickly with mild, humid nights. If you had powdery mildew last year, chances are you will have it this year. Treat organically with **Monterey Disease Control**. **Cloud Cover** sprayed on the leaves is another effective way to eliminate powdery mildew. **Infuse** is a systemic fungicide for both shrubs and lawns.
4. Watch stressed spruce trees. A fungus called **Pink Needle** can wipe out a spruce tree in 2 years. Spray with different fungicides, a systemic fungicide called **Phyton27** or **Infuse** over the course of 4 weeks, using the product 4 times. Use the other fungicide the following year. For the most effective results, use a surfactant/sticker called **No Foam** or **Spreader Sticker** with each product.
5. **Shade your pond**. Remember that algae grows faster with more sunlight. The more plant foliage on the pond, the less algae in the water. Floaters like Water Hyacinths and Water Lettuce are great **Microbe-lift Bio-Blue** turns the water clear blue but prevents sunlight from penetration into the water. Fertilize all pond plants with **Jobe's Organic Fertilizer Spikes**. Fertilize water lilies every month for more blooms and bigger leaves.
6. **Fertilize** with **Sustane** – an excellent All-Natural Lawn Food. Another great option is **Master Nursery Master Green Lawn Food**. Fertilize your garden again for a bumper crop of produce.
7. **Hose** down your evergreens twice a month to prevent spider mites from setting up colonies in them. Apply Bonide Eight granules now to prevent root weevils from attacking your peonies, roses, euonymus, and lilacs.
8. Are you bothered by snakes? **Apply Snake-A-Way** and you won't have snake problems. Reapply this product at the end of July.
9. **Prune** apple trees now to prevent water sprouts. Your apple tree will produce bigger fruit too!
10. **June is National Rose Month!** Our selection of over 115 varieties of roses is the best in the area. Large flowering roses (Hybrid Teas and Grandifloras) do best with wind and afternoon sun protection. Smaller flowering roses, landscape and shrub roses will handle northern Nevada sun and wind well.