

June 25, 2013 things to do this week

To be mosquito free over the 4th of July weekend. Apply [Summit mosquito and gnat barrier](#) spray in the evening or before a party.

Use the [Summit mosquito dunks](#) in ponds, animal troughs, rain barrels, or anywhere that you have standing water. This will keep the mosquito population down.

Shrubs / Plants:

- Remove old dead flowers on butterfly bushes “buddleia” to make room for new growth and flower spikes. Make sure your butterfly bushes were fed with [Plant Trust Flower and Bulb Fertilizer](#) if not done so already. Standard butterfly bushes are cleaner looking and easier to maintain as compared to dwarf varieties.
- Remember to watch for bagworms on arborvitae. Use *BT* to irradiate the bag worms when they are still small. If the bagworms are larger later on, then use [Bonide Systemic Insect Control](#).
- Remove old flowers from your rhododendron after flowering.
- Now is the time to shape out of shape plants.
- Mountain Laurel can be pruned now.
- Make sure to feed your rhododendron and Mountain Laurels. If they have not been fed with *Plant Trust*, then do so now.
- Support re-blooming hydrangea with double loop peony rings. This type of hydrangea does not have stems as strong as non-re-blooming mop head hydrangea.
- Cedar apple rust spots are now visible on apple and crab apple leaves. These trees should have been sprayed with [Lime Sulfur](#) before they broke dormancy. Apply [Bonide Copper Fungicide](#) or Mancozeb to slow this fungus down.
- Spruce, pine, and juniper turning brown from the inside out likely have spider mites. Treat as soon as possible with [Pure Spray Green](#) or [Summit Year Round Spray Oil](#). If these trees are not treated, they may die, especially Alberta Spruce. After spraying, make sure that the plants are well fed with [Plant Trust](#) if not already done.

Look for lace flies on Azaleas that are planted in full sun. (leaves will look they are covered with salt and pepper, also under the leaves they will have black spots) Treat them with [Bonide systemic insect control](#). Make sure to check the soils Ph with a [luster leaf PH meter](#). When the Azalea leaves look brown or burned the PH may be too high, adjust the ph with iron sulphate to get the ph to approx 5 .

Remove spent Rose flowers from your knockout roses and inspect them for rose slugs. Control them with [Bonide rose RX systemic drench](#) or Dust.

Tomatoes remove any tomatoes that have a black spot and rot, known as blossom end rot on tomatoes. Treat with [Bonide stop rot](#) and give the affected plant an application of [Bonide hydrated lime](#).

Tomato plants in containers that are developing yellow leaves with brown spots on the plants lower half, means that the plant is running low on food or they were not watered once on time.

Mow the lawn at a height of 2 1/2 to 3 inches .

Weak or sick houseplants, put them outside in the shade and possibly repot with Baccto lite potting soil and feed them weekly with [seamate](#).

Last chance to plant Dahlia tubers for summer blossoms.

The Emerald ash borer is expanding its territory. It has been recently detected in Montgomery county MD. Protect your Ash Trees with Ortho tree and [shrub insect control granular](#).

The key to disease free plants is proper feeding.