

News For The Residents of Summerwood

Summerwood

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June Landscaping

Submitted by Ron Kerwin

Make Father HAPPY; give him a lawn service covering the HOT summer months as a gift he will REALLY appreciate!! We'd be glad to help.

It is getting hotter out; plan your lawn/garden work for early morning or evening to avoid the heat of the day. Make sure you drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids, preferably water, to keep from becoming dehydrated.

Plan your mowing schedule around the growth of your lawn. You should not mow more than 1/3 of the blade length off at a time. IF you water or fertilize too much, you will generate excessive growth. This will require more frequent mowing to avoid cutting off more than 1/3. If you postpone mowing, you will be damaging your lawn, generating excess clippings which will require more of your time to mow over them multiple times, and you will do your small mower engine harm by trying to mow too much grass with its smaller horsepower. With proper fertilization and watering, weekly mowing should be adequate; there will be

exceptions however.

You can fertilize again this month with a 3-1-2-ratio fertilizer or 4-1-2; try to get it with a minimum of 50 % slow release nitrogen to stretch out its benefits. Water the granular fertilizer in soon after application. You can water your patio plants and hanging baskets with a diluted 20-20-20 water-soluble fertilizer. Try to use filtered or distilled water for these plants and baskets to reduce the chlorine getting to the plants.

Canopy your trees to allow more sunlight to get to the lawn grasses underneath. Low tree canopies will not allow grass to survive. You want the lower branches removed anyway for safety reasons while mowing. You don't want to get poked in the eye.

On Red-tip Photinia and Indian Hawthorne's watch for maroon colored spots on the leaves. This indicates a fungal leaf spot and could be fatal to the shrubs if left unattended.

Apply a fungicide, Banner or Daconil as soon as you can. Powdery mildew on roses, crape myrtles, eunonymus and zinnias in late spring can be treated with a funginex spray weekly.

Trim your spring flowering shrubs now and then leave them alone. Your Indian Hawthornes and other spring flowering shrubs are done blooming. Now is the time to trim them back. After you do this, do not trim them again until after they bloom next spring. Trimming them later in the year may result in your removing the flower bud heads for next year. June bugs DO NOT mean to treat for their larva, grub worms. Treatment is only effective in late July/early August IF you have grubs. Spider mites can be treated with miticides, insecticidal soaps or just a blast of water from your hose.



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The trouble is that refined sugars don't include anything nice. In fact, they can deplete your body of nutrients, causing damage to your vital organs if your overindulgence goes unabated. Artificial sweeteners can be equally dangerous; some have been shown to cause cancer in laboratory animals, and headaches and depression in people.

Fortunately, you have a virtual cornucopia of better choices. Read on to find out about some of the good sweeteners – raw and lightly processed sugars and syrups – and what's so great about them!

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Household Tips

NOTHING lasts forever, even if there's no expiration date to guide you. So how long should you let your stuff linger before replacing it? We talked to the experts and nailed down a "best by" date for some common household items.

Cosmetics: *Replace after three months to two years.* Microbe growth in makeup can cause skin irritations and infections. The worst offenders are liquid cosmetics, which build up bacteria more quickly. Keep mascara for a maximum of three months; other liquids and creams (eyeliner, foundation) for no more than a year. Powders (eyeshadow, blush) can be used safely for up to two years.

Mattresses: *Replace after seven years.* A mattress that sags or is uneven won't keep your spine in line as you sleep, which means you may have trouble sleeping, and neck and back pain while awake.

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Oatmeal Cookies

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| 1 cup brown sugar | 1 tsp. salt |
| 1 cup white sugar | 1 tsp. soda |
| 2 eggs | ½ cup chopped nuts |
| 3 cups quick oats | 1½ cup flour |

Cream shortening, sugars, eggs, and vanilla. Add dry ingredients and nuts. Chill. Shape into walnut size balls. Roll in sugar and cinnamon mixture. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes.

*If you would like to submit YOUR recipe
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Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

							1	
4	6							5
		5	3		8		7	
							9	1
					6		2	
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TOTAL	16	9	7	13	11	10
New Construction	-	6	1	6	5	4
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Avg \$/Sq Ft	78.30	74.71	80.66	81.65	78.05	81.72
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