



What's Happening in Horticulture? June 2025

Greetings gardeners,

June marks the official start of summer and peak growing season for many plants. Pollinators like bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and even some beetles and flies are out in full force. It's no coincidence that **June is National Pollinator Month**. It's a great time to show some love to these tiny garden helpers. Check out our online collection of [pollinator resources](#) to find simple ways to make your yard and garden a welcoming place for these creatures all year long.

Upcoming Online Programs

- **Ask Your Gardening Question: LIVE**
Monday, June 23 | 1:30-2:30 p.m.
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- **Vegetable Diseases**
Wednesday, June 25 | 6:30-8:30 p.m.
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No sun? No problem. [Hakone grass](#) is a beautiful shade-loving plant with vibrant color and flowing texture.

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Timely Articles



► [Watch: Best Practices for Watering Yards and Gardens](#)

Proper watering of your plants is key to help them grow well. In this video, you will learn about the water requirements for most plants, how proper watering practices can prevent plant diseases, and different ways to conserve water for your yards and gardens. [Read more...](#)



[Homegrown Tomatoes for Wisconsin](#)

Tomatoes are among the most popular crops grown by Wisconsin gardeners. The flavor and nutritional benefits of homegrown tomatoes make them well worth the effort. Understanding a few basic characteristics of tomatoes can help increase success with your tomato crop this year. [Read more...](#)



[Lead in Home Garden Soil](#)

Lead in garden soil can pose health risks to gardeners and to those who eat the garden's produce. This article shares information on how to reduce contamination and submit samples for analysis. [Read more...](#)



[Diagnosing the Nutritional Status of Fruit Crops](#)

Regularly checking the nutrient levels in fruit crops and the soil they grow in is key to creating long-term, sustainable growing practices. This article explains how to collect soil and plant tissue samples for analysis. [Read more...](#)

Want to be a Master Gardener in Wisconsin?

Here's how to get started.

If you love digging in the dirt, growing plants, volunteering in your community, and sharing knowledge with others, then the Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener Program is right for you. The process to join starts in fall. Learn what it takes to become a Master Gardener.

[Learn more](#)





Wisconsin Yard & Garden

A weekly column of horticulture education and activities for Wisconsin gardeners. Read the latest articles from this past month.

- [June Yard & Garden Checklists](#)
- [Tree Problems Often Are Preventable](#)
- [Manage Yard & Garden Problems Wisely](#)
- [Brighten Landscapes with Annual Flowers](#)

In the News...

► **Watch:** [New and Unique Plant Varieties](#)
PBS Wisconsin | Featuring Allen Pyle

Wisconsin hotspot for Lyme disease spread as tick activity increases
WXPR | Featuring PJ Liesch

► **Listen:** [Midges, ticks and other bugs; the value of wetlands](#)
The Larry Meiller Show | Featuring PJ Liesch

► **Listen:** [Nitrogen, Growth, Traffic and Organic Matter](#)
TurfNet | Featuring Doug Soldat

Smoke-like swarms of midges may be 'eerie,' but completely harmless expert says
Channel 3000 | Featuring PJ Liesch

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