

SHELMERDINE

SUMMER GARDENING CHECKLIST

- To encourage fresh growth, clean up browning daylily foliage by plucking out dead leaves or cutting the clump to 20cm above the crown.
- Use a soaker hose to keep trees, shrubs and perennials well watered during periods of drought. Consider buying a sprinkler timer so that watering occurs at night when you leave for the holidays.
- Remove spent blooms from annuals to encourage continued flowering.
- Check roses and patio tropicals for aphids, leaf rollers, black spot and powdery mildew. Treat as needed.
- After flowering, cut delphiniums to the ground to stimulate a second bloom.
- Sow cool-weathering vegetables such as lettuce, kale and spinach.
- Weed, weed and weed some more.
- Water, water and water some more (depending on the weather).
- Monitor watering of your container gardens and hanging baskets; extreme heat will call for daily watering.
- Take a break and go on a garden tour! Find inspiring ideas and plants.
- Take pictures of your garden and containers at their prime. They'll be a great reference for the next spring and will help in planning future projects.
- Harvest and enjoy or preserve ripened fruits and vegetables.
- Take advantage of free gardening seminars and tradeshow.
- Essential summer plants include:
 - Bulb - Snowdrops (*Galanthus nivalis*),
 - Perennial - Hellebore (*Helleborus x hybridus*),
 - Shrub - Forsythia (*Forsythia x intermedia*),
 - Tree - Rosebloom crabapple