



# Master Gardener Tips

## June

**Begin normal watering schedule to supplement rainfall. Water early morning to reduce disease problems.**

**Watch for chinch bugs in St. Augustine grass.**

**Avoid watering roses over the top. This can add to problems of black spot. Keep a watch out for this fungus.**

**Before going on vacation:**

**(1) Check all plants for disease or insects and treat as needed.**

**(2) Clean all weeds so you don't come home to a jungle.**

**(3) Arrange for someone to water.**

**Put a rain gauge in your garden to monitor the water amount.**

**Most plants need at least 1 inch a week.**

**Clay pots need watering almost every day.**

**Begin making cuttings from azaleas, hollies, cotoneasters and other shrubs.**

**Pinch off dead flowers to promote more flowering.**

**Make sure your mulch is about 3 inches thick. Keep the mulch away from the trunk of the trees, shrubs and other plants.**

**Cut back and thin out diseased or spindly branches of spring flowering shrubs.**

**Now is the time for pruning roses after they have bloomed. Cut back at least to the full 5 part leaf.**

**Begin planting fall-blooming perennials now. Fertilize Bermuda, St. Augustine and Zoysia grass at the recommended rate.**

**Keep watch for aphids on crepe myrtles – spider mites, bag worms and lace bugs on other shrubs.**

