



KATO'S JUNE GARDENING REMINDERS

Fertilize!



Time for your 2nd round of lawn fertilizer, early in the month.

Don't forget monthly feedings on roses, edibles, annuals and potted plants.

If you missed your Memorial Day feeding on acid-lovers, feed Hollytone now.

Feed your houseplants, too. Top dress with earthworm castings every few years to freshen the soil.

Got Mulch?

Shredded mulches don't float away as much as barks.

I use shredded Cedar mulch to repel mosquitos and insects.

Use 2"-3" in shade and 3"-4" in sun to keep in moisture and protect from hot summer temperatures.

Mound your mulch like a donut instead of piling up like a volcano around plant bases so they can breathe.

Mulch also helps prevent weeds and most of the ones that come through are easier to pull.



"Guess you should have let me check your math when you ordered the mulch."



Water Restrictions Began June 1st!

Most restrictions have to do with running your automatic sprinkler; remember deeper and less often.

Between 5am and 10am is the best time; continual midnight watering's can invite fungus and disease.

You can hand-water with a hose or watering can as needed! Don't be wasteful or let water run onto street or sidewalk.

You must supplement new plants and transplants for the 1st year. Sprinklers do not supply adequate water!

Use the two-knuckle test (or 2") and allow the top few inches of soil to dry out between watering so plants can "breathe".

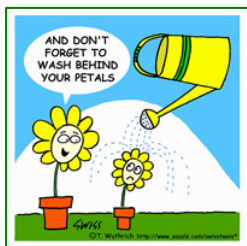
Add a mosquito dunk once per month to your rain barrels or mosquito bits every other week.

Continue to plant available perennials, warm season annuals and herbs and edibles...

You can sow cantaloupe, eggplant, parsnips, pumpkin varieties, and watermelon seeds in the middle of June.

Harvest tomatoes, bush beans, peppers and summer herbs; Fall tomato transplants go in at the end of the month.

Consider container gardening if you don't have a raised bed.



CALL ME IF YOU NEED HELP!

I am available to apply your bi-monthly root stimulator on new plants or to hand water if you are on vacation.

I am able to help with pest problems, fungal issues and weed control if it gets ahead of you.

I care for horses, pets and chickens if you go out of town (really).

