

# SUMMER CHECKLIST



Van Wilgen's  
Garden Center

## GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR GARDEN WITH THESE SUMMER TASKS:

- Time to reapply Preen!** Apply every two months for a weed-free garden.
- Apply Scotts® GrubEx** to get newly hatching summer grubs before they get your lawn.
- Prune pieris, kalmia, spirea, rhododendron, lilac and all other spring-blooming shrubs** after they flower and before July 4<sup>th</sup> to ensure you have blooms next spring.
- Fertilize, fertilize, fertilize!** Want to get the most blooms from your annual flowers? Remember the rule of 2's: use **Van Wilgen's All Purpose Slow Release Plant Food** every two months and **Van Wilgen's Bloom Booster** every two weeks.
- They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but we better teach the deer to stay away!** Reapply repellent to train deer to take their feast elsewhere. Don't forget to spray your veggies with **Bonide® Go Away**, because deer like veggies, too!
- Add lime to your tomatoes, peppers and squash** by July 4<sup>th</sup> to help prevent blossom end rot—a little lime now for a healthy harvest later!
- Veggies feed us, so we need to feed them.** Starting with a healthy soil rich in organic material is great, but don't forget to fertilize with **Garden-tone** every two weeks, too. *Making food takes a lot of energy!*
- Are your annuals looking a little leggy?** Revitalize your hanging baskets and pots by feeding them and giving them a haircut. They will flush out new growth and flowers in no time.
- Just add water!** It might be hot but it's still ok to plant. If you have any questions, reference our watering guide under: [vanwilgens.com/helpful-guides](http://vanwilgens.com/helpful-guides)
- Perennials like salvia, cat mint, agastache, yarrow, coreopsis and monarda** can be cut back to 4"—6" from the ground after they go past flower to enjoy another round of blooms.
- Fall-blooming perennials like montauk daisy and sedum** should be cut back (in half) around July 4<sup>th</sup> for stronger stems, shorter plants and more blooms for fall.



**TIP:** A groundskeeper's secret trick in the summer is iron—use **Espoma Summer Revitalizer** or **Milorganite** for the nicest lawn on your street.