



Your Guide To Summer Happenings..

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WATER + LIGHTING TIPS

Pond Care

It is a great time of year to install aquatic plants in your pond or water feature. Plants should provide about 40% coverage to help shade and filter the water. Some plants that do well in water features and ponds include Water Hyacinth, Duckweed, Water Lettuce and Water Hawthorn. Plants still benefit the ecology of the water when placed in pots and submerged in the water. A few ideal choices for this approach are Canna lilies, Iris versicolor, Iris pseudacorus and Carex pendula.

Lighting Maintenance

Make sure well lights are clear of mulch and debris. If you plan on having a contractor replace broken lights, it may be a good idea to replace all of the lights at this time. This will limit the number of required service calls.

Woodinville Tour of Gardens

Saturday July 8th 10-4 www.woodinvillegardenclub.org
All five residential gardens are new to the tour this year and feature a variety of design styles, plant materials and artistic embellishments. Woodinville's Willow Lodge will host a post-tour reception from 3:30-5:30pm with wine tasting and a drawing for an overnight package at the lodge. Tickets are \$15 and available at Molbak's, Classic Nursery and Ravenna Gardens.



Bainbridge in Bloom Garden Tour

Sunday July 14-16th 10am-5pm
www.gardentour.info
The seven gardens in the tour will showcase beautiful outdoor spaces in unexpected places such as hillsides, terraces and small spaces. The festival taking place at the transportation hub of the garden tour will include an art fair, kids activities, container gardening class and plant sale. Tickets are \$30 for adults and available for purchase on the garden tour website.



West Seattle Garden Tour

Sunday July 16th 9am-5pm www.artswest.org
This year's tour will include seven gardens and a talk from Author and PI Garden Columnist, Mary Wingate. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at Capers, City People's and Swanson's Nursery.



Lifestyle Landscapes Earns 4-Star Envirostar Certification



Sponsored by the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program of King County, Envirostars recognizes businesses for reducing hazardous waste and materials by awarding them a two-to-five star rating. Lifestyle Landscapes has been awarded four stars.

Practices that qualified Lifestyle Landscapes for this rating included skilled plant selection to minimize the amount of resources needed to grow healthy plants.

Other measures prevented toxic runoff that could contaminate local streams, such as banning pesticides or weed and feed usage and applying slow-release and organic fertilizer, rather than chemical fertilizer. To find out how your business can become Envirostars certified, visit www.envirostars.org For detailed information about our Green Offerings, visit www.lifestyle-landscapes.com/resources/greenofferings.html

Garden Calendar

July

Sow seeds of zinnias, cosmos, nicotiana and sunflowers for later-summer and fall bloom.

Weeds are apt to germinate faster as the weather gets warmer, pull and eliminate them now before they mature.

Harvest potatoes and onions after tops yellow and die.

Water deeply and thoroughly rather than lightly and frequently. Remember to save water by directing sprinklers onto the lawn and beds and not the driveway or sidewalk.

August

Water lawns carefully this month as it can take as little as three days for the lawn to dry-out. Water during the cooler parts of the day so there will be less water lost to evaporation.

Prune only for shape and spent canes of berry bushes after fruiting.

Plant or seed fall and winter vegetables such as green onions, carrots, lettuce, spinach and over-wintering cauliflowers.

September

Apply a 3 inch layer of organic mulch over the roots of permanent plants to reduce soil erosion and freeze damage this winter.

Collect and dispose of rotted fruit to prevent the spread of disease.

Sow wildflower meadows by scattering seeds on well-prepared ground, rake lightly and cover with a thin layer of peat moss.

Divide summer flowering perennials and grasses.

Garden Workshops & Events

July

- July 15: Carnivorous Plants for Inside and Out at Molbaks 11am, www.molbaks.com
- July 16: Container Gardening Class at Swansons Nursery 1pm, www.swansonsnursery.com
- July 22: Ann Lovejoy's Kitchen Garden at Bainbridge Gardens, www.bainbridgegardens.com
- July 30: Snohomish Garden Tour sponsored by the Garden Club 12-5pm, 360.568.2526

August

- Aug 5: Pops in the Park at the Bellevue Botanical Garden 5:30-8:30pm, www.bellevuebotanical.org
- Aug 10: Designing with Sunflowers \$55, 6:30-8:30pm, www.floraldesigninstitute.com
- Aug 20: Live music at the Arboretum Japanese Garden 1:30pm, www.cityofseattle.net/parks
- Aug 27: Fall Salad Gardening Class at the Seattle Tilth at 11am, www.seattletilth.org

September

- Sep 9: Seattle Tilth Harvest Fair with music and a parade, 10am, www.seattletilth.org
- Sep 10: Phinney Neighborhood Garden Tour 11am-4pm, www.phinneycenter.org
- Sep 28: Natural Yard Care Demonstration at Bradner Gardens 6-7:30pm, www.seattletilth.org

Celebrate the Splendor of Summer in the Lavender Capital of North America!

The Sequim Lavender Festival is a treat for the senses and this year's event will include several new activities. In addition to the farm tours and street fair, you can also enjoy a Sunset Salmon Dinner at Angel Farm, kick up your heels at a barn dance or tour local wineries. The 10th annual festival takes place July 14-16th.



Farm Tours

Lost Mountain Lavender- Pick your own bouquet from over 100 cultivars of lavender, learn to make lavender crafts and visit the Cottage Gift Shop. www.lostmountainlavender.com

Angel Farm and Sequim Lavender Farm-This working farm will be transformed to a "Day in Provence." Visit the vibrant French Country Marketplace, make a lavender wreath and enjoy a grilled lavender pepper sausage. www.sequimlavenderfarms.com

Olympic Lavender Farm-This certified organic farm enjoys a panoramic view of the Olympic Mountains. Visit the Lavender Studio offering culinary and body lavender products and save room for savory lavender desserts. www.olympiclavender.com

Jardin du Soleil Lavender-Learn how lavender is distilled into essential oil as you sip a glass of local wine and sample lavender ice cream. Later, pick your own bouquet and find the perfect present in the distinctive gift shop. www.jardindusoleil.com

Port Williams Lavender-This serene farm is home to more than 6,500 plants. See essential oil distillation demonstration, browse arts and crafts vendors and enjoy food and music. www.portwilliamslavender.com

Purple Haze Lavender Farm -Relax on the porch with a lavender margarita, enjoy gourmet food, wander seven acres of lavender and pick your own bundle. www.purplehazelavender.com

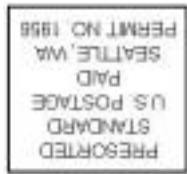


Cedarbrook Lavender Farm -Enjoy spectacular views, music and food at Washington State's first herb farm. Browse the historic Bell House Gift Shop for the perfect gift. www.cedarbrooklavender.com



Sunshine Herb & Lavender Farm -Explore acres of lavender and herbs and indulge in a Lavender Smoothie and BBQ. The farm owners will offer demonstrations and a show of their antique tractors. www.sunshinelavender.com

Visit www.lavenderfestival.com for more information.



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Curious How Your Landscaping Project Will Impact Your Home's Value?



As an investment, landscaping can increase the value of your property by as much as 20% if done well. *This Old House Magazine*

Clients frequently ask if their landscaping project will increase the value of their home. The short answer is yes, but the percentage of return depends on a number of factors including the type of landscaping project and location within the home's outdoor space. We assess the unique needs of each client and recommend very different landscaping designs for homeowners intending to retire in their home as opposed to those who plan to sell in the next few years.



99% of Real Estate Appraisers agree that landscaping increases the speed of home sales. *Society of Real Estate Appraisers*

We have collected our thoughts on the subject and provided links to relevant articles and statistics. You can read the full report on our website: www.lifestyle-landscapes.com/resources/landscapingandhomevalue.html

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