

Cynthia Brian's Mid-Month Gardening Guide

To easily kill weeds in cracks, bricks, driveways, or paths, use a solution of 30% vinegar available at hardware stores mixed with table salt. Spray on a windless, hot, sunny day. This spray will kill whatever is growing, so be cautious around desirable plants.

Mosquitoes are breeding. Empty any containers of water or add Dunks or a few drops of bleach to birdbaths or other non-circulating water features.

Don't cut back your daffodils or other yellowing bulbs. To provide the nutrients for next year's bloom, the leaves need to dry and be crackling like potato chips before pulling.

Make sure to rotate the location of your vegetables when planting this season. Don't plant tomatoes near potatoes as they are members of the same family and susceptible to the same diseases. Plant neither of them in the soil where peppers or eggplants grew previously.

Check your irrigation system for leaks and breakage. As the weather warms, watering in the morning or evening at least once a week will be necessary for garden wellbeing.

It's Mother's Day. Make sure to treat your special Mom with a glorious bouquet or potted plant. Flowers are always appreciated.

Digging in the garden. Tending the weeds. Who could ask for more?

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing. Happy Mother's Day



A bee savors nectar from a mock orange tree.



Edible wild leeks, also called ramps, can be as invasive as weeds.