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JUNE

Jump Start June...Get Your Landscape Ready for Summer Entertaining

- **Plant** COLORFUL additions to the perennial border. Look for our June Perennial Specials this month.
- **Pinch** back late summer/fall flowering perennials if you want to promote more branching & blooms.
- **Deadhead** spring flowering perennials and cut back bulb foliage when it turns brown.
- **Water** all new plantings. Check annual containers and hanging baskets daily for watering. Trees, shrubs and perennials would like 1" of water weekly. Scheduled watering's can be done 2 or 3 times a weeks for newly planted items. A significant rainfall can substitute for watering.
- **Weed!**
- **Stake** those perennials that you know are going to get leggy later in the season.
- **Scout** for Japanese Beetles. There are many ways to deal with these destructive pests. Picking them off by hand or knocking them into a bucket of soapy water can be time consuming, but effective. There are also many spray insecticides that work well. Come in and ask about our recommendations.
- **Shear?** Long blooming perennials like Nepeta and Coreopsis can benefit from a shearing now. You can cut them back by as much as ½. Late in the month some perennial geraniums can benefit from the same treatment.
- **Enjoy!** Cut flowers from your garden for fresh arrangements.
- **Visit A Garden:** The Purdue Lake County Master Gardeners will be having their annual garden walk, "A Thyme To Grow", **Saturday July 9th from 9-5**. Nine gardens are in the walk, including the beautiful gardens of Wayne Gruber of Niemeyer's Landscape Supply. Gardens are located in Crown Point, Schererville, Dyer and Briar Ridge. Tickets are \$8.00 ahead of time and are now available at Niemeyer's. Tickets can be purchased for \$10.00 on the day of the walk at two of the homes, one being Wayne's in Crown Point.