

how to Nurture Your Garden in summer

bird-friendly

1. Get to know plant names.

keep a running list of plants in your garden

2. Prevent weeds from outcompeting natives.

pull them by the root or clip them at the crown to avoid disturbing the soil

3. Install a rain barrel!

water plants with storm water

4. Stay away from pesticides

let the birds and beneficial insects eat!

container gardens

- ☑ Move pots to shade when it's hot.
- ☑ Smaller containers and clay pots need water more often.
- ☑ Drip irrigation kits are great for containers. Avoid standing water to prevent mosquito outbreaks!
- ☑ On the roof, set up a wind-break, such as a lattice, that won't cast shade.

plants in the ground

- ☑ Dead-head, prune, and transplant as needed.
- ☑ If a plant wilts in the daytime, but recovers in the evening, watering is not necessary.
- ☑ Apply compost, compost tea, or other slow-release organic fertilizers as needed.

happy summer!

