

# SUMMER GARDENING CHECKLIST



Summer is about steady maintenance and keeping ahead of the garden's needs. Water deeply and consistently, especially during hot, dry stretches, and mulch around plants to help the soil hold moisture longer between waterings. Watch closely for pests and disease, since problems caught early are far easier to manage than ones left to spread.

Harvest regularly rather than letting crops sit. Beans, squash, and cucumbers in particular keep producing longer when picked often, and nothing sitting too long on the vine goes to waste. This is also the time to plant a second round of quick crops like bush beans or another lettuce sowing, keeping the garden productive rather than winding down early.

## 1 WATER DEEPLY AND CONSISTENTLY ☐

Water deeply at the base of plants, 1–2 inches per week. Do it early in the day to reduce evaporation and give plants time to dry before evening.



## 2 MULCH TO HOLD MOISTURE ☐

Add 2–3 inches of mulch around plants to keep the soil cool, reduce weeds, and hold moisture longer between waterings.



## 3 WATCH FOR PESTS AND DISEASE ☐

Check plants often. Catch pests and disease early when they're easy to remove or treat.



## 4 HARVEST REGULARLY ☐

Pick vegetables often to keep plants producing and to enjoy the best flavor.



## 5 PLANT A SECOND ROUND ☐

Sow quick crops again, such as bush beans, lettuce, radishes, or spinach.



## 6 KEEP PLANTS TOMATOES SUPPORTED AND TIED ☐

Check stakes, cages, and trellises. Tie up vines as needed to keep plants upright and healthy.



## 7 FEED YOUR PLANTS ☐

Side-dress with compost or a balanced fertilizer to keep plants growing strong and productive.



## 8 KEEP WEEDS UNDER CONTROL ☐

Weeds steal water and nutrients. Pull them early before they get big.



## EXTRA TIPS FOR SUMMER SUCCESS



Check plants daily during hot weather. They can change quickly!



Pick beans, squash, and cucumbers often for the best yield.



After heavy rain, check for pests and disease.



Enjoy your harvest and share the abundance!

