Summer Gardening Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **Watering**

☐ **Set up a watering system, such as drip irrigation or soaker hoses.**

☐ **Water your plants early in the morning to give them a head start.**

☐ **Make a frequent check of flowers and vegetables for their watering needs.**

☐ **Add a light layer of mulch around young plants to help their roots retain water.**

☐ **Plants**

☐ **Replace dead annuals to ensure colorful blooms all summer long.**

☐ **Harvest vegetable gardens and fruit orchards gardens.**

☐ **Control weeds with mulch, weed mesh fabrics, or by using weed killer chemicals.**

☐ **Rejuvenate annual and perennial flowers by deadheading.**

☐ **Make sure you check your plants regularly for signs of insect infestation.**

☐ **Apply a second, midsummer dose of fertilizer to young shrubs and trees.**

☐ **Keep shrubs pruned and plants pinched back to promote dense, bushy growth.**

☐ **Place a sheet of fine netting or wire mesh over strawberries, blueberries, and other fruit crops as soon as they begin to develop fruit.**

☐ **Check your yard for poisonous plants and remove promptly.**

☐ **Lawn**

☐ **Keep grass mowed to a recommended height of 3 inches.**

☐ **Water deeply your lawn once a week for an hour at a shot.**

☐ **Raise the cutting height on your mower to keep grass longer.**