



# June Gardening News



How is it in a few short weeks we go from black dirt..... to a sprouting garden?

Congratulations on the hard work! All the planting and cultivating seems to be paying off! Soon we will be enjoying the fruits of our labors. I love working in my garden and being in nature too. Evening in the garden is my "happy time" maybe yours too? As summer heats up and the rains cool things off, be aware of mosquitos and ticks and dress appropriately.

According to the [Northwest Mosquito Abatement Center](#), todays risk level is 1= Low.

Tips to stay safe:

- #1 Turn buckets upside down so they don't collect rain water. Standing water invites mosquito to breed so drain it before going home.
- #2 Wear long sleeves and pants when working in the garden
- #3 Use insect repellent.



Recipe for homemade insect repellent: Purchase a spray bottle at the Dollar Store. Add 10 ml lemon eucalyptus oil (Walgreens) and 90 mml of a carrier oil like Olive oil or Coconut oil. **Voila!**

Send pictures, gardening tips, recipes, comments & suggestions to: [gardens@ahpd.org](mailto:gardens@ahpd.org)

**P.S. It's Picnic in the Park tonight at [North School Park](#)! Help us celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! 5:30 – 8 PM**