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Aphids or white flies become rampant as our plants grow larger and have less circulation between them. Remember to spray both upper and lower leaves with neem or pyola oil on a seven to 10 day cycle. Just heard that if you put banana peels under your rose bushes, the aphids will munch on this instead of your roses.

Prune back your rose bushes after the first bloom. You can either dead head the spent blooms or do a major cutting back to keep them tame and under control. I tend to do the latter. Cut back all weak and dead wood as well. Lastly, clean up all spent leaves—especially if they suffered from black spot. Plus, if black spot is a problem, use this homemade formula: Mix one tablespoon of baking soda and a 1/4 teaspoon of dishwashing detergent in one gallon of water.

Continue to pinch back all late summer and fall perennials to keep them bushy and healthy and to stagger blooming times. Plants that have become stickly, thin or browning- try cutting these back-hard. Many plants will come back fuller and healthier for the rest of summer-petunias,

hostas, beebalm, silvermount, and others.

Finish pruning all spring blooming bushes such as azaleas, rhododendrons, lilacs by mid-summer so that they can begin their new growth for next spring.

It is still not too late to plant summer blooming bulbs like dahlias or cannas. Also, plant quick-blooming summer seeds such as sunflowers, nasturtiums and cosmos.

We would like to thank all of the businesses for their continued support of our efforts. All of the work is being done by volunteers. We welcome new members, comments and suggestions.

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