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## AUGUST'S ORGANIC PLANNING GUIDE (Plan Now for Fall Gardens & Landscape)

### PLANT:

- **Heat-loving Annuals & Tropicals** (Zinnias, Pentas, Angelonia, Scaevola, Marigolds, Periwinkle, Hibiscus, Coleus, Caladiums, Bougainvillea, Esperanza, Moss Rose, Verbena, etc.)
- **Texas Tough Perennials** (Butterfly Bush, Lantana, Coreopsis, Salvia, Coneflower, Sedum, Euryops, etc.)
- **Roses** (**EarthKind Roses** are heat and drought tolerant and resistant to insect/disease.)
- **Trees, palms, shrubs and groundcover.** (Thorough hand watering is a must throughout the remainder of summer while roots get established.) **Choose Crape Myrtles while in bloom to get the color you want.**
- **Bermuda (seed or sod) or St. Augustine (sod)** and keep moist while getting established.

### PRUNE:

- **Rose bushes by one-third early in the month. Then fertilize and water to stimulate fall growth.**
- **Dead leaves and flowers from perennials** (not green foliage that is needed by plant for food.)
- **Overgrown annuals** (copper plants, begonias, impatiens, coleus, geraniums) to keep them compact.
- **Shrubs and trees** as needed to remove damaged/unwanted limbs or to allow more sunlight on the lawn.

### FERTILIZE:

- Newly planted trees and shrubs with **Nature's Guide Root Stimulator** every 2-3 weeks to help prevent transplant shock, increase beneficial microorganisms, and encourage root development.
- Existing trees, shrubs, roses, flowers, perennials with **Nature's Guide Buds and Blooms**.
- Turf with **Nature's Guide 5-3-2 or Lady Bug 8-2-4**.
- Plants that aren't thriving with **Nature's Guide Tree Therapy** w/corn meal, molasses, greensand, etc.
- Add **Texas Greensand** for deep greening in lawns, trees and landscape plants.

### BE ON WATCH:

- For bugs use **Ferti.lome Triple Action** which contains Neem Oil, an all-purpose organic remedy.
- Use **Nature's Guide Potassium Bicarbonate** for powdery mildew and a host of diseases and fungi.
- Apply **Nature's Guide Garrett Juice** once a month to your landscape to increase micro-organisms and reduce the need for water.
- Spot treat grassy and broadleaf weeds with **Nature's Guide 20% Vinegar**.

### WATER:

- Most container plants and flower beds in sunny areas will need daily watering. Water shrubs and trees less frequently but deeply to produce hardier, better rooted plants throughout your entire landscape.
- Inspect sprinkler system regularly to ensure it is working properly. Hand water areas that do not get sprinkled adequately. Use soaker hoses when possible.
- Adding **Soil Moist** and **Expanded Shale** before planting and then mulching the beds will improve water retention. Water all plants with **Enviro Raindrops** spray to prolong the effects of good watering.
- Trees installed for less than two years must have special care to ensure a strong and healthy root system. See our Plant Article on **Tree Care for the First Two Years** on our website or come by and pick one up.

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