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AUGUST'S 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 every 3-4 weeks with **Ferti.lome Root Stimulator.**
- Lawn with **Covington's Premium Lawn Fertilizer.** This slow-release, high nitrogen fertilizer is designed for North Texas turf. It contains sulphur and iron. Don't fertilize St. Augustine showing signs of stress.
- Trees, shrubs, vines, groundcover and perennials with **Covington's Special,** a 12-6-6 slow release fertilizer.
- Flowers with **Osmocote** and/or water-soluble plant food to promote new blooms.
- Add **Ironite** for deep greening in lawns, trees and landscape plants.

BE ON WATCH:

- Chinch bugs in St. Augustine lawns. Treat with **Hi-Yield Turf Ranger.**
- Aphids, spider mites, mealy bugs, scale, other problem insects; control with **Bonide Systemic Insecticide.**
- Powdery mildew, rust, black spot and a host of disease and fungi that attack hawthorne, photinias, roses, crape myrtles and more. Treat with **Ferti.lome Systemic Fungicide.**
- Spot treat weeds in the lawn with **Ferti.lome Weed-Out Plus** to kill everything but Bermudagrass.

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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