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NOVEMBER'S PLANNING GUIDE

Fall Is The BEST Time to Plant!

PLANT:

- **Trees, shrubs, vines, groundcover.** This is the best time to plant so they will be well established by summer.
- **Pansies, dianthus, kale, ornamental cabbage, snapdragons, mums, alyssum,** etc. for fall color.
- **Spring-flowering bulbs.** Refrigerate tulips & Dutch hyacinths for at least 45 days at 45° and plant after mid-December. Daffodils and grape hyacinths can be planted as soon as you buy them.
- **Texas Tough Perennials** such as daylilies, coneflowers, salvia, blackfoot daisies, ferns, hostas, etc. Dig & divide spring perennials early in the month.
- **Roses (EarthKind Roses** are heat and drought tolerant and resistant to insect/disease.)
- **Ryegrass** seed early in the month.

PRUNE:

- **Perennials** by removing seed stalks, dead foliage and old flowers.
- **Shrubs** as needed to reshape and remove dead branches—save major pruning for late winter.
- **Trees** as needed to remove dead or damaged limbs—save major limbs for late fall or early winter. Remove unwanted surface roots—limit removal to 1 or 2 significant roots each year.

FERTILIZE:

- Newly planted trees and shrubs every 3-4 weeks with **Ferti.lome Root Stimulator.**
- New annuals and perennials with **Osmocote** and water-soluble plant food to help them get established and promote new blooms through the fall.
- Existing ryegrass and fescue with high nitrogen **Covington's Premium Lawn Fertilizer.**
- Add **Ironite** for iron-deficient lawns, trees, shrubs and other plants to encourage greening.

BE ON WATCH:

- Roadside aster, henbit and clover are weeds that can be controlled with **Ferti.lome Weed-Free Zone.**
- Keep fallen leaves off your lawn—they compact and trap moisture which can lead to turf diseases. Apply **Ferti.lome F-Stop** to St. Augustine for Brown Patch.
- Aphids, spider mites, mealy bugs, other problem insects; control with **Bonide Systemic Insecticide.** For best control of scale use **Hi-Yield Dormant Oil.**
- To kill borers in the trunks of trees, use **Ferti.lome Insect Drench.** Protects for up to one year.
- Apply 2 inch layer of **mulch** over landscape and flower beds.

WATER:

- Most container plants and flower beds in sunny areas will still need regular watering. Water shrubs and trees less frequently due to cooler weather, but deeply to produce hardier, better rooted plants throughout your entire landscape.
- 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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It's a great time to contact our Landscape Department to design and/or install a new landscape project.