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OCTOBER'S ORGANIC PLANNING GUIDE

Fall Is The BEST Time to Plant!

PLANT:

- **Trees and shrubs.** This is the best time to plant so they'll be well established by summer.
- **Pansies, dianthus, kale, ornamental cabbage, snapdragons, mums, alyssum,** etc. for fall color.
- **Spring-flowering bulbs.** Refrigerate tulips & hyacinths for 45 days+ at 45° and plant after mid-December.
- Dig & divide spring flowering perennials—daylilies, iris, oxalis, coneflowers, ferns, hostas, etc.
- **Texas Tough Perennials** (Lantana, Verbena, Salvia, Coneflower, Blackfoot Daisies and many more)
- **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 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 Natural Blooms 4-5-3.**
- Turf early in the month with **Nature's Guide 4-3-2.**
- 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.
- Apply **Nature's Guide Corn Gluten Meal** for fall weed prevention.

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 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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