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OCTOBER'S 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:

- Roses to promote growth and to set buds for the fall with **Ferti.lome Rose Food.**
- Newly planted trees and shrubs every 3-4 weeks with **Ferti.lome Root Stimulator.**
- Lawn with **Covington's Premium Lawn Fertilizer** early in the month. This slow-release, high nitrogen fertilizer is designed for North Texas turf. This last application for the year will winter over the lawn.
- Trees, shrubs, vines, groundcover and perennials with **Covington's Special,** a 12-6-6 slow release fertilizer.
- Annuals with **Osmocote** and/or water-soluble plant food to promote new blooms through the fall.
- Add **Ironite** for iron-deficient lawns, trees, shrubs and other plants to encourage greening.

BE ON WATCH:

- Apply **Dimension** pre-emergent herbicide early in the month to prevent weeds from emerging next spring.
- Apply F-Stop to St. Augustine for Brown Patch.
- Spot treat weeds in the lawn with **Ferti.lome Weed-Out Plus** to kill everything but Bermudagrass.
- Chinch bugs in St. Augustine lawns. Treat with **Hi-Yield Bug Blaster.**
- Aphids, spider mites, mealy bugs, scale, other problem insects; control with **Bonide Systemic Insecticide.**
- To kill borers in the trunks of trees, use **Ferti.lome Insect Drench.** Protects for up to one year.

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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