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SEPTEMBER'S PLANNING GUIDE

Fall Is For Planting!

PLANT:

- **Annuals for instant color** such as Zinnias, Marigolds, Moss Rose, Petunias, Dianthus, 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.)
- **Trees, palms, shrubs and groundcover.** **Crape Myrtles** while in bloom to get the color you want.
- **Bermuda or St. Augustine sod** by mid-month and **Ryegrass** seed later in the month.

PRUNE:

- **Continuous-blooming bush roses** by 1/3 to promote fall flowers.
- **Perennials** by removing seed stalks, dead foliage and old flowers.
- **Overgrown annuals** to encourage more fall growth and color.
- **Shrubs and trees** as needed to remove dead or damaged limbs.

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 for the fall.
- Add **Ironite** for iron-deficient lawns, trees, shrubs and other plants to encourage greening.

BE ON WATCH:

- To control nutsedge (nutgrass) in your lawn, apply **SedgeHammer** early in the month.
- Apply **Dimension** pre-emergent herbicide early in the month to prevent weeds from emerging next spring.
- 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 Turf Ranger**.
- 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 daily watering. Water shrubs and trees less frequently but deeply to produce hardier, better rooted plants throughout your entire landscape. Many sprinkler systems do not provide adequate water so hand watering may be necessary.
- 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.
- To improve water retention, add **Soil Moist** and **Expanded Shale** when planting and then mulch the beds.

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