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APRIL'S PLANNING GUIDE

PLANT:

- **Annuals** – Begonia, impatiens, petunia, alyssum, osteospermum, marigold, geranium, pentas, zinnias, etc.
- **Perennials** – Verbena, lantana, blackfoot daisy, coreopsis, salvia, daylily, gaillardia, sedum, coral bells, etc.
- **Roses** - Earthkind Roses are heat/drought tolerant & resistant to insects/disease...very low maintenance!
- **Vegetables and herbs** - Tomatoes, squash, peppers, cucumbers, beans, eggplant, okra, etc.
- **Fruit trees, pecans, grapes and berry plants.**
- **Trees, shrubs, vines, ornamental grasses, groundcovers.**
- **Anything with roots**, use Covington's Soil Builder. Contains compost, expanded shale (holds 38% of its weight in water) & greensand to break up clay, add nutrients, retain moisture & revitalize microbial activity.

PRUNE:

- **Groundcovers: Asian jasmine, mondograss, and liriop**e to remove old growth.
- **Trees** to remove dead/damaged growth, or to raise canopy so more sunlight reaches grass & landscape. Wait for mid to late summer to prune Red Oaks or Live Oaks. If you must prune your oaks now, use pruning paint on cuts to prevent spread of oak wilt.
- **Shrubs** that require re-shaping. Prune **Spring flowering shrubs and vines after they have finished blooming** (Indian hawthorne, azalea, viburnum, forsythia, quince, wisteria, Carolina Jessamine, etc.)
- Begin mowing **lawn** regularly at recommended height. (1½" for Bermuda and 2-2 ½" for St. Augustine).

FERTILIZE:

- Newly planted trees & shrubs every 3-4 weeks for first year with ferti.lome Root Stimulator.
- Trees, shrubs, groundcovers, perennials with Covington's Special.
- Bermuda and St. Augustine with Covington's Premium Lawn Fertilizer or try our new Covington's "High Performance" all Nitrogen 25-0-0 fertilizer. A 20 lb. bag covers 4,000 sq. ft.
- Flowers with Osmocote or ferti.lome 20-20-20 water-soluble plant food.
- Veggies and herbs with ferti.lome Gardeners Special 11-15-11.
- Pecans with ferti.lome Fruit, Citrus & Pecan Fertilizer. Add Hi-Yield Zinc Sulfate at bud break.
- Roses with ferti.lome Rose Food or Bayer All in One Drench for Roses.

BE ON WATCH:

- Use ferti.lome Systemic Fungicide for powdery mildew and a host of diseases and fungi that attack hawthorne, photinias, roses, crape myrtles and more.
- Use ferti.lome F-Stop Granules for lawn fungal infections such as brown patch in St. Augustine.
- Use Hi-Yield Slug & Snail Killer to control slugs, snails & pillbugs on flowers and foliage.
- Aphids, spider mites, mealy bugs, other problem insects; control with Bonide Systemic Insecticide. For best control of scale use Bonide All-Season Spray Oil.
- Spot treat broadleaf weeds in St. Augustine w/ferti.lome Weed Out; grassy weeds w/Hi-Yield Kill-Zall.
- Top dress landscape/flower beds with at least a 2 inch layer of **mulch** to help retain moisture.
- Continue spray program for fruit and nut trees. Use Bonide Fruit Tree Spray.
- Use ferti.lome Fireblight Spray or Bonide Copper Fungicide on pears, pyracanthas, photinias, etc. while in full bloom to prevent fireblight.

WATER:

- Container plants, flower beds, shrubs & trees as needed to keep healthy.
 - 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.