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AUGUST'S PLANNING GUIDE

PLANT:

- **Annuals & Tropicals**- For sun: pentas, angelonia, periwinkles, zinnias, sweet potato vine, tropical hibiscus, bougainvillea. For morning sun/shade coleus, caladiums, begonias & impatiens
- **Perennials**-Salvia, lantana, Mexican petunia, coneflower, gaillardia, sedum, loosestrife, coral bells, ferns
- **Roses (EarthKind Roses incl. Knockout Roses** are heat/drought tolerant and resistant to insect/disease).
- **Trees, palms, shrubs, ornamental grasses & groundcover.** (Hand water throughout the summer while roots get established.) Choose **Crape Myrtles** now while in bloom for color & mature size you want.
- **Bermuda or St. Augustine sod** and water daily until rooted. It's also a great time to plant **Bermuda seed**.

PRUNE:

- Spent flowers & stalks on **perennials**; leggy **annuals** (impatiens, begonias, coleus, etc.) to keep compact.
- **Rose bushes** by 1/3 early in the month, then fertilize & water to stimulate fall growth.
- **Shrubs/trees** to remove dead limbs & reshape. Use pruning paint on **Oaks** to protect against oak wilt.
- **Mow lawn** regularly at recommended height (1½" for Bermuda; 2-2½" for St. Augustine).

FERTILIZE:

- Newly planted trees and shrubs every 3-4 weeks with **Ferti.lome Root Stimulator**.
- Lawn grass with **Covington's Premium Lawn Fertilizer** or try our new **Covington's "High Performance" all Nitrogen 25-0-0**. A 20 lb. bag covers 4,000 sq.ft.
- Trees, shrubs, vines, groundcover and perennials with **Covington's Special** 12-6-6 slow release fertilize.
- Flowers with **Osmocote** or **Ferti.lome 20-20-20 water soluble plant food**.
- Veggies & herbs w/**Ferti.lome Gardeners Special 11-15-11**; pecans w/**Fruit, Citrus & Pecan Fertilizer**.
- Roses with **Ferti.lome Rose Food** or **Ferti.lome Rose Food w/Systemic Insecticide**.
- Iron-deficient plants with **Ironite** or **Ferti.lome Soil Acidifier Plus Iron** (great for magnolias).

BE ON WATCH:

- For elm tree damage from elm leaf beetle larva use **Hi-Yield Thuricide** at dusk.
- Use **Hi-Yield Grub Free Zone II** for grubs/chinch bugs; **Ferti.lome Carbaryl** for grasshopper infestation.
- Aphids, spider mites, mealy bugs, other problem insects; control with **Bonide Systemic Insecticide**. Treat scale & aphid infestations on Crape Myrtles with **Ferti.lome Tree & Shrub Systemic Insect Drench**.
- Use **Ferti.lome Systemic Fungicide** for powdery mildew/diseases/fungi on hawthorne, photinias, roses, etc.
- Use **Ferti.lome F-Stop Granules** for lawn fungal infections such as Take All Patch or brown patch in St. Augustine or spread **Canadian Brown Spagnum Peat Moss** 1/2 " layer on infected area & water in.
- Spot treat broadleaf weeds in St. Augustine & Bermuda w/**Ferti.lome Weed-Out**; spot treat Dallisgrass with **Hi-Yield Kill-Zall**. For nutsedge in St. Augustine and Bermuda use **Sedgehammer or Image**.
- Continue spray program for fruit and nut trees. Use **Bonide Fruit Tree Spray**.

WATER:

- Most container plants and flower beds in sun need daily watering. Water shrubs & trees less frequently but deeply to produce hardier, better rooted plants. Inspect sprinkler system regularly. Hand water areas that do not get sprinkled adequately. Use soaker hoses when possible.
- Add **Expanded Shale** (or **Covington's Soil Builder**) & **Soil Moist**, before planting. Mulch beds 2" deep to improve water retention. Water plants w/ **Enviro Raindrops** spray to prolong the effects of good watering.
- 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 Covington's for one.