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## JULY'S PLANNING GUIDE

### PLANT:

- **Annuals & Tropicals**-Begonias, coleus, caladiums & impatiens for morning sun/shade; for sun: zinnias, pentas, bronze leaf begonias, periwinkles, moss rose, sweet potato vine, tropical hibiscus, mandevilla, etc.
- **Perennials**-Salvia, lantana, coneflower, loosestrife, gaillardia, verbena, sedum, coral bells, hostas, fern, etc.
- **Roses (EarthKind Roses incl. Knockout** are heat/drought tolerant and resistant to insects/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**.
- **Tomato and pepper plants; pumpkins** from seed.

### PRUNE:

- Spent flowers, leaves & seedheads on **perennials**. Cut leggy **annuals** back to keep them compact.
- **Shrubs & trees** to reshape or remove dead limbs. When pruning **Oaks**, use pruning paint to protect against oak wilt. Prune spent **Crape Myrtle** blooms lightly to encourage another round of color.
- **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:

- Use **Hi-Yield Grub Free Zone II** for grubs & chinch bugs. For active bagworms, spray **Hi-Yield 55% Malathion**/pick inactive bagworms off by hand & dispose of them in something they can't escape from.
- 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 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**.
- Aphids, spider mites, mealy bugs, other problem insects; control with **Bonide Systemic Insecticide**. Treat Crape Myrtles with **Ferti.lome Tree & Shrub Systemic Insect Drench** for scale & aphid infestations.
- Continue spray program for fruit and nut trees. Use **Bonide Fruit Tree Spray**.

### WATER:

- Most container plants & flower beds in sun will need daily watering. Water shrubs & trees less frequently but deeply to produce hardier, better rooted plants. Inspect sprinkler system regularly to ensure it is working properly. 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 all 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.