

JUNE'S ORGANIC PLANNING GUIDE

PLANT:

- **Annuals & Tropicals**-Begonias, coleus, caladiums, impatiens and splash for morning sun/shade; for sun plant bronze-leaf begonias, zinnias, pentas, scaevola, periwinkles (vinca), moss rose, marigolds, sweet potato vine, angelonia, celosia, purslane, Mexican heather, tropical hibiscus, bougainvillea, esparanza, mandevilla, etc.
- **Perennials**-Lantana, dianthus, lilies, salvia, coneflower, verbena, guara, sedum, coral bells, hostas, fern, etc.
- **Roses** (**EarthKind Roses** are heat and drought tolerant and resistant to insect/disease).
- **Trees, shrubs, vines & groundcover.** (Hand watering is a must throughout the summer.) Choose **Crape Myrtles** for mature size you desire/while in bloom to get the color you want.
- **Plant Bermuda (seed or sod) or St. Augustine (sod)** Water daily first 7-10 days while getting established.

PRUNE:

- Flower buds on **coleus, caladiums, lamb's ear & santolina.** Spent flowers & leaves on **spring perennials.**
- **Prune Blackberries** after harvest (new canes to 3'; cut canes that bore fruit this year to the ground)
- **Shrubs** to reshape. Dead wood in **trees** & lower limbs to allow more sun on lawn (for Oaks, wait until July to reduce spread of oak wilt disease.) Prune spent **Crape Myrtle blooms** lightly to encourage reblooming.
- **Mow lawn** regularly at recommended height (1½" for Bermuda; 2-2½" for St. Augustine).

FERTILIZE:

- Newly planted trees and shrubs with **Nature's Guide Root Stimulator** every 2-3 weeks to help prevent transplant shock, increase beneficial microorganisms, and encourage root development.
- Trees, shrubs, flowers, perennials, use **Nature's Guide Natural Blooms** or **Happy Frog Organic Plant Food**.
- Use **Nature's Guide Corn Gluten Meal 9-0-0** to feed turf and prevent weeds this spring. Corn Gluten Meal is great in vegetable gardens as well to prevent weeds. Also, spread **Dry Molasses** to enhance weed control.
- Plants that aren't thriving with **Nature's Guide Tree Therapy** w/corn meal, molasses, greensand, etc.
- Bermuda and St. Augustine with **Nature's Guide 4-3-2 Poultry Based Formula**.
- Add **Texas Greensand** for deep greening in lawns, trees and landscape plants.

BE ON WATCH:

- For bugs & fungus use **ferti.lome Triple Action Plus** which contains Neem Oil, an all-purpose organic remedy. Spray **Bonide All Season Oil** on plants susceptible to scale ie. holly, euonymus, crape myrtle, trees. *While weather is hot, these oil products should be used early in the morning or in the evening!*
- Use **Horticultural Corn Meal** on Bermuda and St. Augustine grass for disease control.
- Use **Sluggo Plus with Spinosad** to control slugs, snails & pillbugs on flowers and foliage.
- Apply **Nature's Guide Garrett Juice** once a month to your landscape to increase beneficial microorganisms in the soil and to reduce the need for water.
- Spot treat grassy and broadleaf weeds with **Nature's Guide 20% Vinegar**. **Add 2 oz of Orange Oil per gallon** to enhance the kill on weeds and grasses.
- Spray **ferti.lome Fruit Tree Spray** for insect problems on fruit trees.
- Top dress landscape and flower beds with at least a 2 inch layer of **mulch** to help retain moisture.

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 to ensure it is working properly. Hand water areas that do not get sprinkled adequately. Use soaker hoses when possible.
- Add **Soil Moist** and **Expanded Shale** before planting and mulch the beds to improve water retention.
- 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.

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