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## JUNE'S 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:

- Fireblight damaged trees & shrubs to remove damaged limbs. Prune below damage into healthy tissue. Sanitize pruners in bleach solution after each cut, then spray trees & shrubs w/**Bonide Copper Fungicide** after pruning.
- 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 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 and herbs with **Ferti.lome Gardeners Special 11-15-11.**
- Pecans with **ferti.lome Fruit, Citrus & Pecan Fertilizer.** Add **Hi-Yield Zinc Sulfate** to soil.
- Roses with **ferti.lome Rose Food** or **Bayer All in One Drench for Roses.**
- Iron-deficient plants with **Ironite** or **Ferti.lome Soil Acidifier Plus Iron.**

### 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.
- Treat broadleaf weeds in St. Augustine & Bermuda w/**Ferti.lome Weed-Out;** spot treat grassy weeds with **Hi-Yield Kill-Zall.** For nutsedge in St. Augustine and Bermuda use **Sedgehammer or Image.**
- Apply **Hi-Yield Dimension pre-emergent** first half of the month for prevention of grassburs & crabgrass.
- Aphids, spider mites, mealy bugs, other problem insects; control with **Bonide Systemic Insecticide.** For best control of scale use **Bonide All-Season Spray Oil.**
- Continue spray program for fruit and nut trees. Use **Bonide Fruit Tree Spray.**
- Use **ferti.lome Fireblight Spray** or **Bonide Copper Fungicide** on photinias in full bloom to prevent fireblight.

### 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.