

# MARCH'S ORGANIC PLANNING GUIDE

*This is a Great Time to Plant!*

## PLANT:

- **Annuals - Phlox, dianthus, alyssum, Gerber daisies, osteospermum, English daisies, geraniums, etc.**
- **Roses** (container or bare-root). Earthkind Roses are heat/drought tolerant & resistant to insects/disease.
- **Cool-season vegetables & herbs** - potatoes, onions, cabbage, broccoli, asparagus, cauliflower, lettuce, etc. Warm season vegetable i.e. tomatoes, squash, corn, cucumbers, various beans, etc. in late March.
- **Fruit trees, pecans, grapes and berry plants.**
- **Trees, shrubs, vines, and groundcovers.**
- **Plant perennials, and dig/divide summer and fall-flowering perennials.**
- **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, mondgrass, and liriop**e to remove old growth.
- **Trees** to remove dead or damaged growth. Use pruning paint on Red Oaks & Live Oaks to prevent Oak Wilt spread.
- Evergreen **shrubs** that require heavy shearing and re-shaping. Remove any growth with winter damage.
- **Spring flowering shrubs and vines when they finish blooming (azaleas, forsythia, Indian hawthorne, quince, wisteria, Carolina Jessamine)**

## 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 Rose Food**.
- Use **Nature's Guide Corn Gluten Meal 9-0-0** to feed turf and prevent weeds this spring. 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 use **ferti.lome Triple Action** which contains Neem Oil, an all-purpose organic remedy. Use **Hi-Yield Dormant Oil** on plants susceptible to scale (holly, euonymus, crape myrtles, shade & fruit trees).
- Use **Horticultural Corn Meal** on Bermuda and St. Augustine grass for disease control.
- 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** with **2 oz of Orange Oil added per gallon** during warmer weather.
- Spray **ferti.lome Fruit Tree Spray** for insect problems on fruit trees (after bud break).
- Keep **frost cloth** on hand and cover tender plants to protect from freezing weather. Top dress landscape and flower beds with at least a 2 inch layer of **mulch** to help retain moisture and keep soil temperature warmer.

## WATER:

- Container plants, flower beds, shrubs & trees as needed to keep healthy and reduce winter damage.
- 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.

*Covington's can delivery and plant your new trees for you...let us know if you want details.*

*This is a great time to plan changes to your landscape! Come in and talk with one of our nursery professionals for help selecting the best plants for your home, or for a professional landscape design and installation, call our Landscape Services team at (972) 475-5888 Ext. 5.*