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MARCH'S 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 liriope** 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 & shrubs every 3-4 weeks for first year with **ferti.lome Root Stimulator**.
- Trees, shrubs, groundcovers, perennials with **Covington's Special** after the last freeze.
- Bermuda and St. Augustine with **Covington's Premium Lawn Fertilizer**; at end of the month.
- Flowers with **Osmocote** and/or **ferti.lome 20-20-20 water soluble plant food**.
- Pecans with **Covington's Special fertilizer**. Add **Hi-Yield Zinc Sulfate** at bud break.
- Roses with **ferti.lome Rose Food** or **ferti.lome Rose Food with Systemic Insecticide**, or **Bayer All in One Drench for Roses**

BE ON WATCH:

- Apply **Hi-Yield Dimension** pre-emergent now to prevent most spring and summer weeds. **Green Light Portrait** for broadleaf weeds.
- Aphids, spider mites, mealy bugs, other problem insects; control with **Bonide Systemic Insecticide**. For best control of scale use **Hi-Yield Dormant Oil**.
- Spot treat broadleaf lawn weeds with **ferti.lome Weed-Free Zone**; grassy weeds with **Hi-Yield Kill-Zall**.
- 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.
- Start spray program for fruit and nut trees. Use **Bonide Fruit Tree Spray**.
- Use **ferti.lome Fireblight Spray** or **Bonide Copper Fungicide** on pears, pyracanthas, photinias while in full bloom to prevent fireblight.

WATER:

- Container plants, flower beds, shrubs & trees as needed to keep healthy.
- 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.

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