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MAY'S PLANNING GUIDE

PLANT:

- **Annuals & Tropicals**-Shade begonias, coleus, caladiums, impatiens, splash, torenia, etc. for areas with morning sun/shade; sun begonias, zinnias, pentas, scaevola, periwinkles, angelonia, celosia, marigolds, sweet potato vine, petunia, celosia, alyssum, purslane, bougainvillea, hibiscus, and many more for sunny spots.
- **Perennials**-Lantana, coreopsis, artemesia, loosestrife, lilies, salvia, gaura, Mexican petunia, scabiosa, coneflower, blackfoot daisy, gaillardia, verbena, sedum, coral bells, oxalis, lamium, hostas, fern, etc.
- **Herbs and Warm-season vegetables (okra, southern peas, sweet potatoes)**
- **Roses (EarthKind & Knockout Roses are drought tolerant and insect/disease resistant).**
- **Trees, shrubs, vines, groundcover** (Hand watering is a must through summer)
- **Plant Bermuda (seed or sod) or St. Augustine (sod).**

PRUNE:

- **Spring flowering vines and shrubs** after they've finished blooming to maintain natural shape.
- **Leggy plants** to encourage lateral branching (impatiens, begonias, coleus, mums, etc.)
- **Trees** to remove dead/damaged growth and to allow more sun on lawn (for Oaks, wait until mid-summer to reduce spread of oak wilt disease. If you must prune, use pruning paint on cuts.)
- **Mow lawn** at recommended height (1½" for Bermuda; 2-2½" for St. Augustine). Not more than 1/3 of grass height at one time.

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**.
- Bermuda and St. Augustine with **Covington's Premium Lawn Fertilizer or try our new Covington's "High Performance" all Nitrogen 25-0-0 fertilizer**. A 20 lb. bag covers 4,000 sq. ft.
- 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**.

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.
- Use **Hi-Yield Slug & Snail Killer** to control slugs, snails & pillbugs on flowers and foliage.
- Aphids, spider mites, mealy bugs, other problem insects; control with **Bonide Systemic Insecticide**. For best control of scale use **Bonide All-Season Spray Oil**.
- Spot treat broadleaf weeds in St. Augustine w/**ferti.lome Weed Out**; grassy weeds w/**Hi-Yield Kill-Zall**.
- Top dress landscape/flower beds with at least a 2 inch layer of **mulch** to help retain moisture.
- Continue spray program for fruit and nut trees. Use **Bonide Fruit Tree Spray**.
- Use **ferti.lome Fireblight Spray** or **Bonide Copper Fungicide** on 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.