



5518 Liberty Grove Rd.  
Rowlett, TX 75089  
(972) 475-5888  
[www.covingtonnursery.com](http://www.covingtonnursery.com)

## APRIL'S ORGANIC PLANNING GUIDE

*This is a Great Time to Plant!*

### PLANT:

- **Annuals** – Begonia, impatiens, snapdragon, petunia, alyssum, osteospermum, marigold, geranium, etc.
- **Perennials** – Verbena, blackfoot daisy, coreopsis, salvia, daylily, gaillardia, sedum, coral bells, etc.
- **Roses** - Earthkind Roses are heat/drought tolerant & resistant to insects/disease.
- **Vegetables and herbs** - Tomatoes, squash, peppers, cucumbers, beans, eggplant, okra, etc.
- **Fruit trees, pecans, grapes and berry plants.**
- **Trees, shrubs, vines, ornamental grasses, groundcovers.**
- **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, mondograss, and liriop**e to remove old growth.
- **Trees** to remove dead or damaged growth.
- **Shrubs** that require heavy shearing and re-shaping.
- **Spring flowering shrubs when finished blooming** (Indian hawthorne, azalea, viburnum, forsythia, etc)
- Begin mowing **lawn** regularly at recommended height. (Be sure blades are sharp)

### 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. **Organic rose food** for roses.
- Use Nature's Guide Corn Gluten Meal 9-0-0 to feed turf and prevent weeds this spring.
- 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 5-3-2.
- Add Texas Greensand for deep greening in lawns, trees and landscape plants.

### BE ON WATCH:

- For bugs & fungus use ferti.lome Triple Action which contains Neem Oil, an all-purpose organic remedy. Use Hi-Yield Dormant Oil on plants susceptible to scale (hollies, euonymus, shade and fruit trees).
- Use Sluggo to control slugs, snails & pillbugs on flowers, foliage and vegetables.
- 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).
- Top dress landscape and flower beds with at least a 2 inch layer of **mulch** to help retain moisture.

### 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.

*We're open 7 days a week to serve you!*