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JUNE GARDENING TIPS

PLANT:

- **Annuals**—Begonia, impatiens, lantana, angelonia, vinca, sweet potato vine, supertunia, caladium, purslane, scaevola, marigold, coleus, celosia, milkweed, pentas, zinnias, bougainvillea, hibiscus, mandevilla, etc.
- **Perennials**—pincushion, salvia, coreopsis, daylily, blackfoot daisy, hardy hibiscus, ruellia, skullcap, Russian sage, gaura, Turk's cap, Texas primrose, sedum, butterfly bush, coral bells, ferns, hostas, and more.
- **Fruit and pecan trees, grapes, and berries.**
- **Trees, shrubs, vines, ornamental grasses, groundcovers incl. turf grass** (handwatering a must in summer)
- **In all new plantings, use Covington's Soil Builder** containing compost, greensand, expanded shale (holds 38% of its weight in water) to break up clay, add nutrients, retain moisture & revitalize microbial activity.
- Also use our new **Covington's Potting Soil** containing Peat Moss, Screened Compost, Screened Pine Mulch, Rice Hulls, a wetting agent, Organic Fertilizer (derived from bone & blood meal), and an organic bio stimulant Vitazyme. This potting soil will need less water than conventional all peat mixes, and with the organic fertilizer & biostimulants you will be able to grow the largest flowers and the biggest tomatoes in town!

PRUNE:

- **Fireblight damaged trees/shrubs** to remove damaged limbs. Prune below damage into healthy tissue. Sanitize pruners in bleach solution after each cut. 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 & lower limbs in **trees** to let more sun on lawn and landscape plantings. To prevent the spread of oak wilt, prune **Red Oaks or Live Oaks** in late summer or early fall, or use pruning paint on cuts if pruning in spring. Prune spent **Vitex & Crape Myrtle blooms** to encourage reblooming.
- **Mow lawn** regularly at recommended height (1½" for Bermuda; 2-2½" for St. Augustine and Zoysia).

WATER:

- Container plants, flower beds, shrubs & trees as needed to keep healthy. To improve water retention, add **Soil Moist & Expanded Shale** (or **Covington's Soil Builder**) when planting.
- Water shrubs & trees less frequently but deeply to produce hardier, better rooted plants. Hand water plants that don't get sprinkled adequately (check sprinklers).
- To improve water retention, add **Soil Moist & Expanded Shale** (or **Covington's Soil Builder**) when planting.
- Top dress landscape/flower beds with 2-3 inch layer of **mulch** to help retain moisture, reduce weeds, and maintain soil temperature.
- 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.

CONVENTIONAL FERTILIZATION, WEED, DISEASE & PEST CONTROL SOLUTIONS

FERTILIZE:

- Flowers, veggies and herbs with **Covington's Premium Flower & Garden Fertilizer** or use **ferti.lome Gardeners Special 11-15-11** for your herbs and vegetables.
- Newly planted trees and shrubs every 3-4 weeks for the first year with **ferti.lome Root Stimulator**.
- Trees, shrubs, vines, groundcovers & perennials with **Covington's Special Tree and Shrub Fertilizer 12-6-6**.
- Bermuda, St. Augustine and Zoysia with **Covington's Premium Lawn Fertilizer 21-7-14 or Covington's High Performance all nitrogen 25-0-0 fertilizer**.
- Roses with **ferti.lome Rose Food** or **ferti.lome Rose Food with Systemic Insecticide**.
- Fruit & pecan trees with **ferti.lome Fruit, Citrus & Pecan Fertilizer**. To strengthen foliage and increase nut production on pecans, add **Hi-Yield Zinc Sulfate** at bud break, and repeat 6 weeks later.

- Iron-deficient plants with **Ironite** or **Ferti.lome Soil Acidifier Plus Iron.**

WEEDS & DISEASE CONTROL:

- Apply pre-emergent weed controls during the first 2 weeks of June: **Hi-Yield Dimension** for crabgrass & dallisgrass; **ferti.lome Gallery** for roadside aster and other broadleaf weeds.
- Spot treat broadleaf weeds such as dandelion, henbit & clover in St. Augustine or Bermuda grass with **ferti.lome Weed Out**; Spot treat nutsedge and crabgrass now with **Bonide Sedge Ender**.
- Apply **ferti.lome F-Stop** to St. Augustine for fungal infections including Take All Patch and Brown Patch. For added protection, spread ½ inch layer of **Canadian Brown Sphagnum Peat Moss** on infected area & water in.
- Use **ferti.lome Systemic Fungicide** for powdery mildew, disease & fungi on hawthorn, photinias, roses, etc.

INSECT & PEST CONTROL:

- For bagworms, tent caterpillars & cankerworms, use **Bonide Eight Insecticide** or **Hi-Yield 55% Malathion.**
- Use **Bonide Insect and Grub Control Granules** for grub & cinch bug control.
- Control fire ant mounds and infestations with **Hi-Yield Bug Blaster Granules.**
- Use **Hi-Yield Slug & Snail Killer** to control slugs and snails on flowers and foliage.
- Control aphids, spider mites, mealy bugs, thrips and other problem insects w/**Bonide Systemic Insect Control.**
- For best control of scale & to kill borers in the trunks of trees, use **Ferti.lome Systemic Insect Drench** which protects for months.
- Continue spray program for fruit and nut trees. Use **ferti.lome Triple Action** or **Bonide Fruit Tree Spray.**

ORGANIC FERTILIZATION WEED, DISEASE & PEST CONTROL SOLUTIONS

FERTILIZE:

- Newly planted trees and shrubs with **Bioform Liquid Fish & Seaweed with Sulfur** to help prevent transplant shock, increase beneficial microorganisms, and encourage root development.
- Flowers and perennials w/**Happy Frog Fruit and Flower.**
- Turf, shrubs, and trees with **Milorganite Organic Nitrogen Fertilizer 5-2-0,** or **Make it Green 4-1-2.**
- Vegetable garden with **Happy Frog Tomato & Vegetable fertilizer.**
- Use **Corn Gluten Meal 9-0-0** to feed turf and prevent weeds.
- Spread **Dry Molasses** to enhance weed control and encourage healthy soil.
- Apply **Garrett Juice Plus** once a month to your landscape to increase beneficial micro-organisms in the soil and to reduce the need for water.
- Add **Texas Greensand** for deep greening in lawns, trees and landscape plants.

WEEDS & DISEASE CONTROL:

- Spot treat grassy and broadleaf weeds with **20% Vinegar.** Add 2 oz. of Orange Oil per gallon of vinegar to enhance the kill on weeds and grasses.
- Apply **Horticultural Corn Meal** on landscape plants, vegetables, and turf grass for disease control.

INSECT & PEST CONTROL:

- Apply live insects such as **ladybugs.**
- Repel mosquitoes with **Cedarcide granules or spray.** Use **Mosquito Bits** with BTI to kill mosquito larvae in standing water. **Mosquito Bits** also control fungus gnats in flower beds and containers.
- For fire ants or grub worms, introduce **beneficial nematodes** to your yard. Also use **ferti.lome Come and Get It Spinosad Bait** for protection from ants & use 3-4 oz. of **Orange Oil** per gallon of water as a mound drench.
- Control slugs & snails with **Bonide Slug Magic or Sluggo Plus w/Spinosad.**
- Use **Nature's Guide Diatomaceous Earth** for crawling insects. Spray **Orange Oil** in areas infested with pillbugs, sow bugs, ants and spiders.
- For bugs & fungus use **ferti.lome Triple Action Plus** containing Neem Oil. Safe to use on fruit trees.
- Use **Bonide All Seasons Oil** for scale on fruit trees, hollies & crape myrtles.
- Use **Bird X Netting** to protect ripening fruit from birds.
- For worms on cole crops, lettuce, chard & cabbage, use **ferti.lome Caterpillar Killer Spray with BT.**
- Use eco-friendly **Armadillo Repellant** in a convenient hose end sprayer to get rid of armadillos.
- To deter pesky flower-munching rabbits, use **Rabbit Scram and/or Bonide Repels-All spray**