

# JUNE'S ORGANIC PLANNING GUIDE

## PLANT:

- **Annuals & Tropicals**-Begonias, coleus, caladiums, impatiens and torenia for morning sun/shade; zinnias, pentas, scaevola, periwinkles, moss rose, marigolds, sweet potato vine, celosia, purslane, tropical hibiscus, bougainvillea, esparanza, mandevilla, crotons, etc.
- **Perennials**-Lantana, coreopsis, artemesia, lilies, salvia, guara, Mexican petunia, scabiosa, coneflower, gaillardia, verbena, sedum, coral bells, oxalis, lamium, hostas, fern, etc.
- **Roses** (**EarthKind Roses** are heat and drought tolerant and resistant to insect/disease).
- **Trees, shrubs and groundcover.** (Thorough hand watering is a must throughout the summer while roots get established.) Choose Crape Myrtles for mature size you desire/while in bloom to get the color you want.
- **Plant Bermuda (seed or sod) or St. Augustine (sod)** and water daily while getting established.

## PRUNE:

- Flower buds on **coleus, caladiums, lamb's ear & santolina.** Spent flowers & leaves on **spring perennials.**
- **Blackberries** to remove fruiting canes after harvest. Prune new canes to 3' and canes that bore fruit this year should be cut to the ground as they will never bear again.
- **Shrubs** to reshape. Dead wood in **trees & lower limbs** to allow more sunlight on lawn. (Wait until July to prune Oaks. Prune spent **Crape Myrtle** blooms (trim lightly) to encourage another round of color.
- **Mow lawn** regularly at recommended height (1½" for Bermuda; 2-2½" for St. Augustine).

## 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 4-3-2 turf food**.
- 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 **Bonide All Season's Spray Oil** on plants susceptible to scale (hollies, euonymus, shade & fruit trees).
- For fire ants, use **Ferti.lome Come-N-Get-It** w/Spinosad in bait form.
- Use **Sluggo Plus** 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**. **Add 2 oz of Orange Oil per gallon** during warmer weather for enhanced weed killing performance.
- 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, flowerbeds, shrubs and trees as needed to keep them healthy. Use **Covington's Soil Builder** with expanded shale & **Soil Moist** & top dress with at least 2" of mulch to improve water retention.
- Trees installed for less than 2 years must have special care to ensure a strong and healthy root system. See details on our Plant Article "Tree Care for the First Two Years" on our website or in our store.

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