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JUNE'S 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 every 3-4 weeks with **Ferti.lome Root Stimulator.**
- Lawn with **Covington's Premium Lawn Fertilizer.** This slow-release, high nitrogen fertilizer is designed for North Texas turf. It contains sulphur and iron.
- Trees, shrubs, vines, groundcover and perennials with **Covington's Special.** This 12-6-6 slow release fertilize is excellent for producing quality plants in the landscape.
- Flowers with **Osmocote** and/or water-soluble plant food. Iron-deficient plants with **Ironite** or **Ferti.lome Soil Acidifier Plus Iron.**

BE ON WATCH:

- Aphids, spider mites, mealy bugs, scale, etc., can be controlled with **Bonide Systemic Insecticide.**
- Powdery mildew, rust, black spot and a host of disease and fungi that attack hawthorne, photinias, roses, crape myrtles and more. Treat with **Ferti.lome Systemic Fungicide.**
- Spot treat weeds in the lawn with **Ferti.lome Weed-Out Plus** to kill everything but Bermudagrass.
- Apply **Hi-Yield Dimension pre-emergent** first half of the month for prevention of grassburs & crabgrass.

WATER:

- Most container plants and flower beds in sun will need daily watering. Water shrubs & trees less frequently but deeply to produce hardier, better rooted plants. Inspect sprinkler system regularly to ensure it is working properly. Hand water areas that do not get sprinkled adequately. Use soaker hoses when possible.
- Add **Soil Moist** and **Expanded Shale** before planting and mulch the beds to improve water retention. Water all plants with **Enviro Raindrops** spray to prolong the effects of good watering.
- 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 Covington's for one.

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