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MAY'S ORGANIC PLANNING GUIDE

PLANT:

- **Annuals & Tropicals**-Begonias, coleus, caladiums, impatiens, splash, torenia, bacopa and geraniums for morning sun/shade; zinnias, pentas, scaevola, periwinkles, moss rose, marigolds, sweet potato vine, petunia, celosia, lobelia, alyssum, purslane, bougainvillea, hibiscus, etc.
- **Perennials**-Lantana, coreopsis, artemesia, diascia, lilies, salvia, guara, Mexican petunia, scabiosa, coneflower, gaillardia, verbena, sedum, coral bells, agapanthus, 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** to maintain natural shape.
- **Leggy plants** to encourage lateral branching (impatiens, begonias, coleus, mums, etc.)
- **Trees** to allow more sun on lawn (for Oaks, wait until mid-summer to reduce spread of disease).
- **Mow lawn** regularly at recommended height (1½" for Bermuda; 2-2½" for St. Augustine) and never more than 1/3 of grass height at one time.

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 **Hi-Yield Dormant Oil** on plants susceptible to scale (hollies, euonymus, shade and fruit trees).
- For fire ants, use **ferti.lome Come-N-Get-It** w/Spinosad in bait form.
- 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, 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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