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NOVEMBER GARDENING TIPS

Fall Is The BEST Time to Plant!

PLANT:

- **Trees, shrubs, vines, ornamental grass, etc.** now so they can get well established by next summer's heat.
- **Annuals & Perennials** - Pansies, violas, ornamental cabbage/kale, cyclamen, snapdragons, dianthus, dusty miller, salvia, skullcap, blackfoot daisy, heuchera & more. Dig, divide & replant spring blooming perennials.
- **Spring-flowering bulbs. Refrigerate tulips & Dutch hyacinths** for at least 45 days at 45° and plant after mid-December. Daffodils and grape hyacinths can be planted as soon as you buy them.
- **Annual or perennial ryegrass** and fescue seed early in the month for green grass all winter.

PRUNE:

- **Perennials** by removing dead foliage. Mulch over those that die back to the ground for added protection.
- **Shrubs** as needed to reshape and remove dead branches—save major pruning for late winter.
- **Trees** as needed to remove dead or damaged limbs—prune major limbs in late fall/early winter. Remove unwanted surface roots—limit removal to 1 or 2 significant roots each year. Good time to prune **oak trees** to avoid Oak Wilt problems.
- **Tropical plants** you want to move indoors for the winter. **Spray with Ferti.lome Triple Action, or use systemic insect drench or granules, or drench root ball with a mild orange oil solution first**, then move inside before temperatures reach the mid-40's.

WATER:

- Potted plants & flower beds as needed; shrubs & trees less often in cool weather, but deeply to produce hardier, better rooted plants. **Water before forecasted frosts or freezing temperatures to reduce damage to plants and trees.** *It's a good time to install drip irrigation or call Covington's to do it for you (LI0021683).*
- To improve water retention in your plantings, add **Soil Moist & Expanded Shale**, or **Covington's Soil Builder** which contains compost, greensand, and expanded shale (holds 38% of its weight in water). **Covington's Soil Builder** also breaks up clay, adds nutrients, & revitalizes microbial activity.
- Top dress landscape and flower beds with a 2-3 inch layer of **mulch** to help retain moisture, reduce weeds & maintain soil temperature. **The average first freeze occurs in our area in mid-November, so have frost cloth on hand to protect tender plants.**
- Trees installed for less than two years must have special care to ensure a strong and healthy root system. See our Plant Article, **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:

- Pansies & other annuals w/**Covington's Premium Flower & Garden Fertilizer or Hi-Yield Blood & Bone Meal**.
- Newly planted trees and shrubs every 3-4 weeks for the first year with **Ferti.lome Root Stimulator**.
- Trees, shrubs, vines, groundcover, perennials with **Covington's Special Tree & Shrub Fertilizer**.
- Roses with **ferti.lome Rose Food** or **ferti.lome Rose with Systemic Insecticide**.
- Lawn with **Covington's Premium Lawn Fertilizer 21-7-14** as last application of the year to prepare for winter.
- Herbs and vegetables with w/**Covington's Premium Flower & Garden Fertilizer or ferti.lome Gardeners Special 11-15-11**.
- Iron-deficient plants w/**Max Green Iron 22/60** or **Ferti-lome Soil Acidifier Plus Iron** to encourage greening.

WEEDS & DISEASE CONTROL:

- Early to mid-month use **Dimension pre-emergent herbicide** to prevent grassy winter weeds, as well as some broadleaf weeds.

- Spot treat broadleaf weeds such as dandelion, henbit & clover in St. Augustine or Bermuda grass with **ferti.lome Weed Free Zone**. Spot treat nutsedge and crabgrass with **Bonide Sedge Ender**.
- Use **ferti.lome Systemic Fungicide** for powdery mildew, disease & fungi on hawthorn, photinias, roses, etc.
- Keep fallen leaves off your lawn—they compact and trap moisture which can lead to turf diseases. 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.
- Continue spray program for fruit and nut trees with **ferti.lome Triple Action** or **Bonide Fruit Tree Spray**.

INSECT & PEST CONTROL:

- Control aphids, spider mites, mealy bugs, thrips & other problem insects with **Bonide Systemic Insecticide**.
- For caterpillars & cankerworms, use **ferti.lome Borer & Tent Caterpillar Killer**.
- Use **Hi-Yield Grub Free Zone II** for grub & cinch bug control.
- To control fire ant mounds/infestations, use **ferti.lome Come and Get It**.
- Use **Hi-Yield Slug & Snail Killer** or **Sluggo Plus with Spinosad** to control slugs & snails on flowers & foliage.
- For best control of scale & to kill borers in the trunks of trees, use **Bonide Systemic Insect Drench** which protects for months.
- Use **ferti.lome Triple Action** or **Bonide Fruit Tree Spray** for insects on fruit trees and **Bird X Netting** to protect ripening fruit from birds.

ORGANIC FERTILIZATION, WEED, DISEASE & PEST CONTROL SOLUTIONS

FERTILIZE:

- Newly planted trees and shrubs with **Garrett Juice Pro w/Mycorrhizae & Soil Microbes** to help prevent transplant shock, increase beneficial microorganisms, and encourage root development.
- Flowers/perennials w/**Happy Frog Fruit and Flower**; Roses w/**Happy Frog Rose Food**.
- Vegetable gardens with **Good Natured Make-it-Green 4-1-2** or **Happy Frog Tomato & Vegetable fertilizer**.
- Turf, shrubs, and trees with **Milorganite Organic Nitrogen Fertilizer 5-2-0**, or use **Happy Frog All Purpose 5-5-5** for shrubs and trees.
- Use **Make it Green 4-1-2** on shrubs, trees & turf grass, and existing ryegrass or fescue.
- Use **Corn Gluten Meal 9-0-0** to feed turf and prevent weeds. Also spread **Dry Molasses** to enhance weed control and encourage healthy soil.
- Use **Ladybug “Sylvan Formula” All-in-One Mulch & Compost Blend** with corn meal, molasses & greensand to perk up stressed or damaged plants.
- 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:

- Use **ferti.lome Come and Get It Spinosad Bait** for protection from fire ants. To treat individual fire ant mounds, use 3 to 4 ounces of **Orange Oil** per gallon of water as a drench. Spray **Orange Oil** in areas infested with pillbugs, sow bugs, ants and spiders.
- For army worms, tent caterpillars & cankerworms on shrubs/trees, use **Hi-Yield Thuricide at dusk** or **Spinosad**.
- For bugs & fungus use **ferti.lome Triple Action Plus** containing Neem Oil. Spray **Bonide All Season Oil** for scale on holly, crape myrtles & fruit trees. *In hot weather, use these oil products in early morning or evening!*
- Use **ferti.lome Triple Action Plus** for insects on fruit trees; **Bird X Netting** to protect ripening fruit from birds.
- Repel mosquitoes with **Bonide Mosquito Beater spray**
- Use **Mosquito Bits** with BTI to kill mosquito larvae in standing water & to control fungus gnats in flower beds and containers.
- Control slugs & snails with **Bonide Slug Magic or Sluggo Plus w/Spinosad**. Use **Nature’s Guide Diatomaceous Earth** for crawling insects and grasshoppers.

- Use eco-friendly **Liquid Armadillo Repellant** to get rid of armadillos.