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Gardening by the Moon

April 2024

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Meet our team and learn valuable information about how to best care for your landscape.

Wolf Ranch
Spring Landscape Seminar
with Dr. R.E. Moon + Associates
Thursday, April 18th @ 7 PM

YOUNG TREE BORER PROTECTION

To prevent borer damage to newly planted trees, treat them with Imidacloprid (Merit) in the spring. This systemic control will protect them during the growing season. When applying, follow all label directions.

Also, fertilize trees with ½ pound of a slow-release fertilizer per inch of trunk diameter. To determine the diameter, measure your trees 6 inches above the ground. Spread the fertilizer evenly from the trunk out past the drip line of trees.

These products can be applied simultaneously, promoting tree vigor and health for your young trees.



Spring Annual Color Top Contender

If you have planted Vinca as your annual color but were unsuccessful due to disease problems, there is a new variety of Vinca called Cora Vinca XDR. The XDR means that this variety is *extra disease-resistant*. This annual will grow in full sun, is heat- and drought-tolerant, and will provide you with a long period of color in your landscape. You can plant Vincas as soon as night temperatures are in the 70s, providing you with color until frost.

You can find these Vinca in solid or mixed colors. If you want an intense color, plant a solid color. They will be striking in front of evergreen shrubs or perennials such as Foxtail Ferns. If you have a larger bed area, the color mixes might be just what you need. My favorites are the red and pink mix or a dark pink and light pink mix.

You can grow these plants in full sun bed areas or containers. When planting, make sure to plant 2 to 3 inches above the soil line, providing good drainage away from roots and allowing room for an inch of mulch around the plants.

Vincas are low-maintenance since you do not have to remove spent blooms. They will provide continuous color throughout the growing season. The key to success is remembering to buy Cora Vinca XDR- *extra disease-resistant*. Happy planting!





Salvia

Many colors, varieties & sizes



Texas Red Lantana

Gold Lantana is also an option



Zinnia

Can be started from seeds

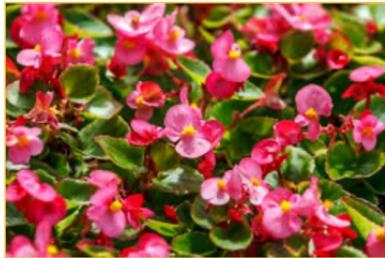


Angelonia

Comes in many colors

Annual Color for Spring Sun

Annual Color for Spring Shade



Begonias

Variety of flower and leaf colors



Impatiens

Provide prolific blooms in shade



Caladiums

Vein colors add interest to this leafy plant



Coleus

Many leaf patterns and colors

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