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Gardening by the Moon

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

Union Park

**Spring Landscape Seminar
with Dr. R.E. Moon + Associates
Saturday, April 20th @ 9 AM**

WEEDS, WEEDS, AND MORE TURF WEEDS

As everything begins to green up, weeds become a problem in your lawn. They sprout up everywhere and make your lawn look like a weed explosion. It can be frustrating to see your neighbor's beautiful, green, weed-free lawn while yours looks worse by comparison. But there is a better way to tackle these pesky weeds: post-emergent weed control.

By spraying the weeds with an effective weed killer, you can easily eliminate them within a few weeks. There are plenty of products available in the market for weed control, so make sure to choose one that is meant for your type of lawn grass. Large companies and local garden centers can direct you to good products. For instance, Image All-In-One Weed Killer is a great option that is guaranteed not to burn your lawn and can kill tough weeds like crabgrass, dandelion, nutsedge, clover, and many others. You can apply it easily with a hose-end sprayer, but follow all label instructions when using any product.



Here's another important tip: you can prevent weeds from even germinating by applying a pre-emergent weed control three times a year in February, May, and September. Halts or Preen Lawn are some examples of pre-emergent weed control products that are easy to find.



By using pre-emergent applications, you can prevent weeds from sprouting up and taking over your lawn. This is why your neighbor's lawn is weed-free. By applying the right products and techniques, you can be the yard in the neighborhood with no weeds next year.

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

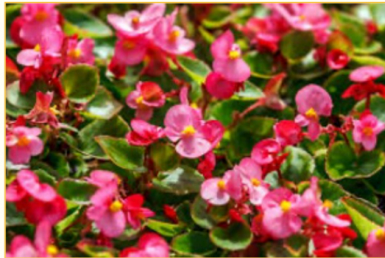


Angelonia

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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