



LANDSCAPE CARE GUIDE

COMMON MICHIGAN PLANTS





Tips for



PESTS AND PLANT FERTILIZATION



18-24-12 Fertilizer- Applied to all plants 2x a year-early Spring and early Fall. Lightly sprinkle over plants. Do not over fertilize. Site One has the best pricing on this!

Pest Removal-Choose a broad spectrum insecticide. The severity of different types of pests is dependent on many things, so some years you may have a ton of rose shafers for example and the next year none. Sevin is a good brand that covers a wide variety of pests.



Other Organic Ideas to help plants thrive:

- **Epsom Salt and Water-** try two tablespoons per gallon of water 1x a month. It is best to spray on with a spray bottle. Start when you see leaves in the Spring.
- **Pure Blend Organic Tea Supplement-** There are tons of varieties that work well, Amazon even has some well reviewed ones. Follow instructions on the bottle of the brand you order.

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Perennial Plant Care



Perennial Geraniums

Require very little pruning. To encourage new blooms and at end of season, prune back after blooms are spent to within a few inches of ground level.



Roses

During the season, remove spent blooms to encourage new blooming. Use pruning shears and gloves. When weather cools down, hold off on deadheading until after first frost, then deadhead blooms.



Ground Covers

Really nothing needs to be done to these ground covers. If they start growing where you don't want them, prune back. Pull weeds as they pop up through the cover. (Myrtle, Pachysandra)



Salvia

Prune out brown blooms during season if desired--be careful not to remove stalks with new buds. Fall pruning-cut back 2-3 inches above the ground.





Shasta Daisies

Remove blooms after spent. In fall, cut back blooms 2-3 inches above ground.



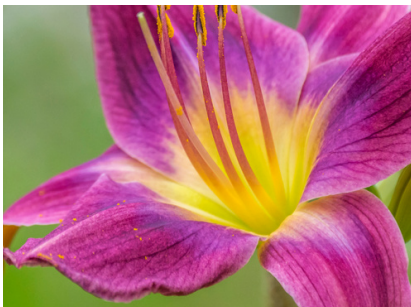
Aster

Leave blooms on flower during winter. When green shoots emerge in the Spring, cut back old stems just above the ground to make way for new blooms. Deadhead during season to encourage new blooms



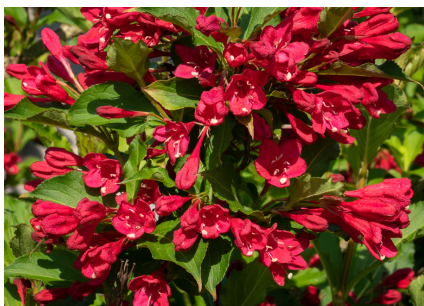
Big Blue Lily Turf

Very low maintenance. Leave alone until early spring before any new growth and cut back within a few inches of the ground.



Daylily

After blooms die, dead stalks can be removed by pruning or just pulling out. In the fall, cut all the leaves to the ground.



Weigela

Prune in the Spring after bloom. Do not prune after July. It takes a year for the wood the flowers bloom from to grow.





Coneflowers

Blooms can be left up in winter for interest and the birds eat their seeds. If you want to cut down, cut 2-3 inches from ground.



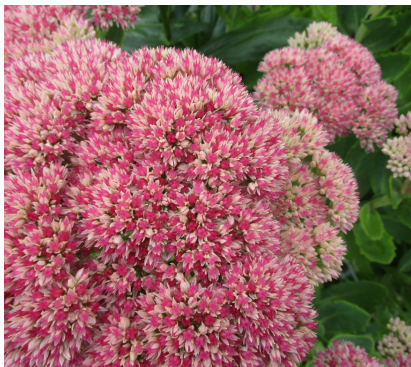
Tickseed

Cut back spent blooms during the season in order for rebloom. Cut back for fall 1/3 to 1/2 of total growth height. Do not cut into brown woody growth.



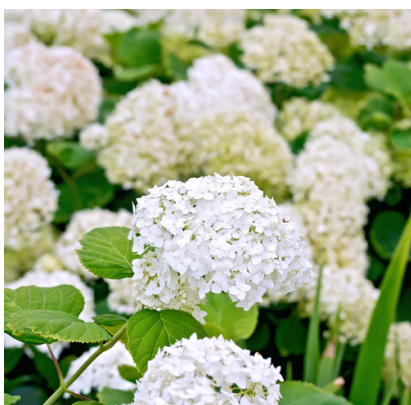
Astilbe

For fall cut back, remove all foliage leaving about a 3" stem from the ground. New growth will come back in the spring.



Sedum

Cut back to ground after blooms are spent or leave for winter interest. Be sure to cut back mid-winter or very early Spring. This is such a hardy plant it is hard to hurt it.



Hydrangea

Leave these alone during the season. For fall, remove all blooms when spent. Do not cut back or remove anything other than blooms. Cut back will kill next years' buds.





Karl Forester Reed Grass

These grasses require no pruning during season. Many people like to leave the grass through the winter for interest. If you want to cut back, tie a string around the grasses tight, cut to the ground, and remove. The string keeps the grasses together and makes for easier clean up.



Hosta

Leave alone during the season other than remove the spent stalks/blooms. When the leaves are dead and brown cut to the ground.



Jack Frost Brunnera

Leave alone during the year and through the fall. Only remove damaged stems/leaves. In the Spring, remove dead foliage when new leaves begin to sprout.



Catmint

These can be pruned back hard, meaning to the ground, really anytime. Cut back in the fall, but remember you will have a bit of a hole in the garden until they sprout again in the spring.