

Mulligan's Landscape & Garden Center
Plant Care Information for select landscape plantings

Plant Name	Recommended Fertilizer	Other Special Care
Trees		
Lace Leaf Japanese Maples	Espoma Tree-tone or Plant-tone (as needed in Spring and/or Fall)	Consider burlap screen to protect from winter winds. Keep well watered during hot dry periods.
Evergreen Trees	Espoma Holly-tone (as needed in Spring)	No special care required.
Dwarf Lilac and Panicle Hydrangea Tree	Espoma Plant-tone (as needed in Spring)	Dead head blooms to maintain neat appearance if desired.
Flowering and Ornamental Trees	Espoma Tree-tone or Plant-tone (as needed in Spring)	No special care required.
Evergreen Shrubs		
Arborvitae	Espoma Holly-tone (as needed in Spring)	Keep well watered for first couple of years. Can be prune/trimmed to maintain the desired height and shape. Prune in late spring/summer after new growth has hardened off. Consider burlap screen if winter winds are a problem.
Boxwood	Espoma Plant-tone (as needed in Spring)	Spray with Wilt-Pruf in the fall to help retain moisture over the winter. Install burlap screen if winter winds are a problem. Prune/Trim to maintain the desired height and shape. Prune in summer.
Hick, Densi and Everlow Yew	Espoma Holly-tone (as needed in Spring)	Prune/Trim to maintain the desired height and shape. Prune in late spring/summer after new growth has hardened off.
Juniper	Espoma Holly-tone (as needed in Spring)	No special care required.

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Rhododendrons and Azalea	Espoma Holly-tone (as needed in Spring)	Spray with Wilt-Pruf in the fall to help retain moisture over the winter. Dead head blooms to maintain neat appearance.
Deciduous Shrubs		
Burning Bush	None needed	Prune/trim to maintain the desired height and shape. Prune in summer.
Panicle Hydrangea (Such as Limelight, Bobo, Vanilla Strawberry)	Espoma Holly-tone or Flower-tone (as needed in Spring and/or Fall)	In early Spring prune off last years blooms. Additional pruning may also be done at this time if desired. You can prune up to 1/3 of the plant.
Big Leaf Hydrangea (Endless Summer type)	Espoma Holly-tone or Flower-tone (as needed in Spring)	In early Spring prune off any remaining last years blooms. After plants starts to leaf out for the season remove any dead wood. Blooms will be pink or blue depending on soil acidity. (We do have products to change the soil acidity and bloom color if desired.)
Knockout & Drift Roses	Bayer Rose & Flower Care (liquid) Apply every 6 weeks during growing season.	Dead head roses if desired to maintain appearance (Roses will continue to bloom without dead heading). Prune out any dead wood in the spring.
Deutzia, Spirea, Weigela	Espoma Plant-tone (as needed in Spring)	Can be trimmed if desired to maintain shape. Trim in late summer/fall after flowering.
Summer Sweet	Espoma Holly-tone (as needed in Spring)	Can be trimmed if desired to maintain shape. Trim in late summer after flowering. May require supplemental water during hot weather.
Perennials		
Hosta	None needed	Slugs and snails can eat hosta leaves. If you have a problem with this apply granular slug bait around plants. Cut back hostas in the fall.

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Lavender	Espoma Flower-tone or Plant-tone (as needed in Spring)	Woody perennial, can be pruned in April but don't cut all the way to ground. Can deadhead blooms to encourage a rebloom and maintain neat appearance.
Autumn Joy Sedum and other taller sedum	None needed	Leave standing for winter interest and cut back to a couple of inches in early spring. Drought tolerant once established.
Groundcover Sedum	None needed	Dead head blooms to maintain neat appearance. Drought tolerant once established. Requires less water than most new plantings.
Ornamental Grass	None needed	Leave grass standing for winter interest and cut back to 3"-6" in early spring. Drought tolerant once established.
Evergreen Perennials such as Coral Bells, Bell Flowers, Dianthus & Hellabore	Espoma Flower-tone or Plant-tone (as needed in Spring)	Evergreen perennials. Dead head to maintain neat appearance. Remove any spent leaves in the early spring.
Other Perennials - Bellflower, Dianthus, Indigo, Shasta Daisy, Nepata, Black eyed Susans, Daylily	Espoma Flower-tone or Plant-tone (as needed in Spring)	Dead head blooms to maintain neat appearance. (Nepata will rebloom with deadheading.) Cut back in the fall.

Watering - All new plantings require extra water the first year. Continue watering plants well through the fall. Even once plants are established be sure to hand water during hot dry periods.

New Plantings - Mulligan's recommends Espoma Bio-tone fertilizer with all new plantings. Only Roses will need additional feedings during the first growing season.