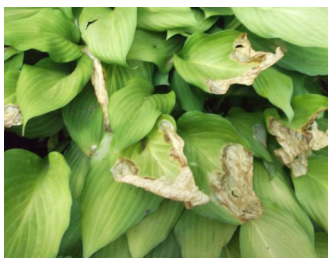


Heat Stress

We all know that August, and even part of September, can be brutal on plants here in Texas. Our soon to be triple-digit-days and strong UV rays will cause plants to struggle without proper care and precautions.

Recognizing heat stress and having a timely plan of action is crucial, but to head off such problems before they start, via the soil you use, is the smartest defense.

Heat stress in North Texas is prevalent and very easily recognizable - wilting, dry crinkled leaves or burnt ends. Once these signs are apparent the plant may be on its way out or very close to it. Recognizing signs of heat stress early is crucial to survivability for the plant, but getting ahead of it is the smarter approach. There are many different plants that will take our summer heat for both full sun and shade, so when selecting plants make smart choices relative to their anticipated longevity and survivability through all the Texas months.



However, the best preventative strategy is to use proper soil media that is designed to hold moisture for the plants. When installing new plants, till Gumbo Buster® into the native clay-based soil at a 1-to-1 ratio. By doing this you are being proactive and anticipating the inevitable heat stresses to come. We all know how the black clay soil cracks in the summer. When black clay soil cracks it pulls away from roots and takes any moisture with it. Gumbo Buster® is designed to address our challenging soil, by breaking up its heaviness, creating essential water and air passages, and establishing moisture stores that can be called upon when needed. Backed by years of university research, this specific soil amendment powerhouse is outstanding for any planting bed and will allow your landscape to continue to look beautiful through the hottest months effortlessly, problem free, and with minimal irrigation (if any).

In addition, always layer mulch at 2" to 3" to further insulate the plants, and to help retain precious and quickly-wicking moisture.

Using hardy plants and appropriate soil are a huge step in countering the ill affects of our extreme Augusts, but even inappropriate plants will do incredibly well when the soil is amended properly with the right materials.

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