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NEWSLETTER FOR THE PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPER

In Scope: Where Space Counts

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One of the most critical factors in spacing annuals in the landscape involves preserving good air flow to reduce disease infections, especially Botrytis.



Bandana[®] **Lantana** benefits from an open structure, which limits plant disease issues. Space Bandana on 18" centers where they grow together creating a mass of color.



With a full canopy, plants like **TigerEye Rudbeckia** get disease infections in the center of the plant if adequate air flow is not present. Plant on either 24" centers in beds or as a single row on 18 to 20" centers.



Picobella[™] **Milliflora Petunia** rewards you with solid beds of color at a spacing of 16 to 18", which allows optimum air flow while the plants establish.



Geranium flowers, as you probably are aware, are susceptible to botrytis infections, so it is best to plant the stunning new hybrid **Calliope**[™] **Dark Red** in containers or in the landscape at a generous 20" center spacing.