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Seeds:

- Start shopping now for flower and vegetable seeds. Look for [starter trays](#), [heating mats](#), [Earthbox planters](#), and use 1/3 sphagnum peat moss, 1/3 perlite and 1/3 vermiculite as a planting mix.
- Soon, it will be time to plant cool weather vegetable seeds and cool weather herbs, like chives and parsley .

Lawn:

- Shop now for your spring lawn supplies. You do not want to be waiting in line at the stores when you could be applying the [Turf Trust](#) and other supplies. If you are not sure what supplies you need, you can always call an expert at 1-800-721-6003.
- If you did not service your lawn mower, have it serviced now so that it is ready for spring.
- Check your spreader, to make sure it is in proper working order. Oil any parts that need oiled. When in need of a new spreader, we recommend the [Earthway 2100p](#).
- Even if you have a lawn service, you can purchase [Turf Trust](#) or other products that you want used on your lawn and have your lawn service company apply it. **Do not let them apply anything they want - they may use a short chained urea, which can cause root damage and surge growth, and may even cause leaf spot disease.**

Do not walk on your lawn when the grass is frozen and apply [gypsum](#) now to any areas of the lawn that may have been exposed to ice melter or road salts.

Check the lawn PH and Phosphate levels now for any deficiencies, you can do this at home with a [luster leaf test kit](#).

House Plants:

- White cottony sticky residue on a Jade plant indicates that the plant has mealy bugs. To treat this, use [Bonide Systemic House Plant Insect Control](#).
- * Reduce watering for Xmas cactus now but continue to feed them [seamate](#) when they are watered.
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Areas that have snow cover for over one week.

1. Feed wild birds (wild bird seed, old bread , or suet cakes)
2. If possible supply water that is not frozen for the birds.

Trees / Shrubs :

If you did not spray [Monterey Liqi-cop](#) on you Dogwoods, Japanese maples, roses, fruit trees, and blueberry bushes spray them ASAP on a nice winter day.

Prune all lateral vines off, of wisteria plants, to leave only two buds and the main trunks. This is needed to make your wisteria bloom this season.

New England Area:

To eliminate winter moth caterpillars off, of small trees and shrubs, spray them with [Bonide Spinosad \(sold as Bonide Captain Jack Dead Bug\)](#). Applications should be made when the trees first leaf out and the winter moth caterpillar is a free feeding caterpillar.

To eliminate winter moth caterpillars on large trees, you will need to have an expert come out to treat the trees.

Damaged trees and shrubs can be helped with an application of Plant Trust, which will give the trees and shrubs the extra energy needed to regrow new foliage after the lost damaged foliage.

Be sure to keep damaged trees well watered during the hot summer months.