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Seeds:

- Start shopping now for flower and vegetable seeds. Look for starter trays, heating mats, [Earthbox planter](#), 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:

- Jade plants that are dropping leaves are overwatered. Keep Jade plants in a location that will expose it to as much sun light as possible and keep the soil on the dry side. To help a Jade plant grow better, mix 1/2 a Tbsp of [SeaMate](#) with 1 Tbsp of hydrogen peroxide per quart of water. Use this mixture every time you water the Jade plant.
- 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.

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.

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.

