

March 26, 2012

#### Lawn:

- Short, pale, grass with seed-heads is annual bluegrass (*Poa annua*). It can be controlled with [Ortho Nutsedge Killer](#). It can be prevented by applying *Green Light Crabgrass Preventer 2 with Dimension*.
- The faster growing, pale looking, coarser grass is rye grass. This crop grass will not survive the summer, so you can ignore it.
- Do not feed zoysia grass with [Turf Trust](#) until it is completely green.
- You can kill weeds, including wild onions, in the zoysia lawn by applying *Speed Zone* or [Clear Choice](#). Make the application in the evening and do not mow for 3 days before **or** after the application.
- Moss in the lawn can be eradicated by using [Granular Bonide Moss Maxx](#).
- Follow the spring lawn program that was posted on 3/18/2012.

#### Shrubs:

- Shrub and perennial beds should be treated with [Green Light Amaze Weed and Grass Preventer](#) to prevent weeds from growing back from seed. For best results, apply this product before mulching.
- Evergreens, shrubs, and perennials not fed with a fertilizer this spring or last fall should be fed as soon as possible with *Plant Trust Tree and Shrub Fertilizer*.
- Pruning and shaping of Evergreens can be done now. Feed the pruned plants with *Plant Trust Tree and Shrub Fertilizer* if not feed this spring or last fall.
- If you want to plant a small specimen in a wet location, plant a Weeping Balt Cypress.

#### Trees:

- Winter moths in the New England area can be sprayed with *Bacillus Thurenceins* when the detected moths are small.

#### Vegetable Garden:

- Cool weather vegetables can be planted outside in the garden.
- If your vegetables are grown from transplants, then you can use corn gluten to prevent weeds. If your vegetables are grown from small seeds, do not use weed preventers; however, salt hay may be used at a later date.

#### Flowers:

- Cool weather annuals, like pansies, dianthus, and dusty miller, can be planted now.
- Gerber daisies and ranunculus must be planted in a protected, sunny location. When the weather gets warmer, water these plants generously. Gerber daisies need to be fed every 3 weeks with a pinch of [Plant Trust Flower and Bulb Fertilizer](#) to keep them blooming throughout the summer. Ranunculus will go dormant about six to eight weeks after blooming.
- Primroses can be planted outside and will bloom this spring as a perennial. They will return every spring if planted properly and watered this summer.
- It is too early in the Mid-Atlantic states and north of this area to plant annual flowers, such as marigolds, zinnias, vincas, petunias, because there is still a danger of night frost for many weeks to come.