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Shrubs:

- Some euonymus will soon show dandruff like white deposits on the stem and leaves. If you see this it means your plant is infested with euonymus scale. Most scale insects can be controlled by applying [Bonide Annual Trees and Shrub Insect Control](#).

Lawn:

- Nutsedge is a pale green, fast growing, grass like plant that grows upright and faster than bluegrass, tall fescue, or zoysia grass. Two days after mowing, nutsedge will be clearly visible. It will be several inches taller than the rest of the lawn. Spray seedlings of yellow nutsedge with [Ortho Nutsedge Spray](#) as soon as you see nutsedge emerging in your lawn. On southern lawns, they may already be visible. In the mid-Atlantic they will be visible in early June. In Northern states they will be visible mid-summer.
- [Green Light Grub Control with Arena](#) can be applied now to prevent your lawn from being damaged by grubs this summer. This product controls white grubs, chafer, webworm, bluegrass weevil, billbug, crane fly larvae, army worm, chinch bug, cutworm, mole crickets, sod webworms, and nuisance ants. [Apply Green Light Grub Control with Arena](#) before a rain or water the product in with 1/2-3/4" of water.

Trees:

- Borers (including ash borers, emerald ash borers, azalea stem borer, brown birch borer, dogwood borer, lilac borer, mottled willow borer, peach tree borer, rhododendron stem borer, rose flatheaded borer, chestnut borer, and longhorn beetle borer) can be controlled by applying [Green Light Tree and Shrub Insect Control with Safari](#). The best time to apply is one month before the borer normally would infest the tree or shrub or as soon as a borers presence is suspected.
- Taxus weevils found in yews can be treated with [Green Light Tree and Shrub Insect Control with Safari](#). Treat in June before adults are active.

Vegetable garden:

- The best producing cucumbers are burpless cucumbers when grown on a trellis. Cucumbers are heavy feeders. Keep them well fed with [Plant Trust Vegetable, Flower, and Bulb Formula](#). Be sure to grow burpless cumpers in a sunny location where the soil drains well.
- Do not dust cucumbers with insecticide dust because it harms pollinators. Cucumber flowers need to be visited over 200 times by pollinators to be properly pollinated and develop into a healthy cucumber.

Summer flowers:

- There are a variety of potted flowers available to make a beautiful potted flower arrangement. Pot a variety of flowers such as single white bacopa, red verbena, orange or yellow calibrate, blue wave petunia and euphorbia in the same pot. You can add fragrance by adding heliotrope. A red geranium can make a nice center piece. Branded summer flowers are not always better than nonbranded flowers.
- To repel insects use citronella scented geranium or plant penny royal mint near your patio or doorway. To eradicate mosquitos, spray [Summit Mosquito and Gnat Barrier](#)

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Spray once a month from now until September. To prevent mosquitos from breeding, use *Summit Mosquito Dunks* in places where standing water is present (i.e. old tires, non-draining gutters, or rain barrels).