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Flowers:

- Vinca major is a flower that comes in many different colors. It will thrive in extreme heat with minimal watering. Use *Canadian Peat Moss* to prepare the planting bed. Feed your vinca major with [Plant Trust Flower and Bulb Fertilizer](#) when planting in a flower bed. Use [Monterey Fish and poop fertilizer](#) when planting the vinca major in containers.
- Flowering baskets, window boxes, and potted mix flower pots should be fed with *Monterey Fish and poop fertilizer* weekly. Keep these flowers well watered. Water daily at the same time of day.

When potted Bacopa or Calibrachoa are turning pale, Check the ph with a [luster leaf PH tester](#). If the PH is above 6.5 use [Bonide micronized sulfur](#) to lower the ph to 5.8-6. Use 1 tbs with water each watering until the ph reaches the desired level.

Lawn:

A lawn needs only one inch of water every 4-5 to stay green. Overwatering can cause pythium disease (a lawn killer). Water the lawn only in the morning. Watering in the evening can cause dollar spot and brown patch disease. If a lawn is irrigated and the grass turns pale green or has brown spots, then your lawn is short of nitrogen. An application of [Turf Trust](#) can correct this. Organic lawn users are applying Nico's best Kick Start every three weeks until the beginning of September.

Nico's best Kick Star applied monthly on the lawn, makes the lawn more drought resistant especially, under shallow rooted trees where grass is hard to grow. You can use Dylox in August already to kill future beetle grubs. Japanese beetles that are a current problem on your lawn or garden can be sprayed with Bonide Eight. (Mid-Atlantic - Northern states)

If Lace-bugs are devastating your azaleas, and you did not protect them with a drench of *Bonide annual tree and shrub insect control*, then you should spray your azaleas now with [Bonide systemic insect control](#).

Continue to spray grapes with [Mancozeb](#) or [Copper Fungicide](#) to keep black-rot under control. Alberta Spruces that turn brown from the inside out are plagued by spruce mites. It should be sprayed with [Summit year round spray oil](#) and fed with [Plant Trust](#).

Perennials that are finished blooming should be cut back. If they were not fed this spring, feed now with [Garden Trust](#) so that tubers and roots can grow stronger for next season.

When azaleas or rhododendron new growth has notched edges, it is a sign that they may be infected by weevils. Go out after dark with a flash light and see if adult weevils are present on the edge of the leaves. To control weevils use [Bonide annual tree and shrub insect control](#).

Spade three year old June Bearing strawberry plants under the ground. Then replant one year old June bearing strawberry plants into the garden.

Remember to rotate your crops. Do not plant the same type of crops in the same place as the previous year's location.

A second Tomato / Cucumber planting can be made now for a tomato / Cucumber harvest in September / October feed them after planting with Garden Trust. Tomato plants that are developing yellow leaves are running out of food use Garden Trust to correct this.

If your Squash plants were damaged by vine borers. A late squash planting can still be done now. The threat of vine borers are over after July 4th.

Small holes in Eggplants are caused by Flea beetles control them with Bonide Eight.

Sweet Corn:

To control European corn borers in the ears, use Bonide Eight when using the dust apply every other day to the silk. Begin when they are at 10% silk and continue until 90% of the silk has wilted and has begun to turn brown.

Tomato plants that develop tomatoes with large black spots are calcium deficient. Apply bonide hydrated lime and Bonide rot stop. Also remember to remove effected tomatoes. The black rot spots are called Blossom end rot, to help prevent this problem, make sure you keep the plants fed with Garden Trust, once a month and plants that are planted in containers feed them with Monterey fish and poop weekly. In warm areas make sure you apply straw around the base to help cool the roots.