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Flowers & Plants:

- Remove hydrangea spent flowers. Do this by removing the spent flowers on re-blooming Hydrangeas, plus two leaves and leave the rest of the stem. Do not prune French Hydrangeas, only remove the spent flowers. Most Hydrangeas were damaged this spring from the late frost and did not bloom well. Now is the best time to feed them again with Garden Trust to help them fully recover.
- German iris' can be divided and replanted in newly fertilized beds now. Iris borers can be manually removed, if present, when tubers are divided.
- Iris beds, that have not been worked over, can be fed with Garden Trust. Also, Iris borers can be dealt with by using [*Bonide Rose Rx Systemic Drench*](#)

Fruiting Plants:

- Feed your hardy Brown Turkey fruiting figs grown in a container bi-weekly with Monterey Fish and Poop Fertilizer and keep them well watered. The more they grow in August the more figs you will be able to harvest.

Trees & Shrubs:

- It is the time to inspect alberta spruce trees for mites again. You will see brown spots starting from the inside of the spruce if mites are present. To inspect for mites, take a 8x10 white piece of paper and shake 1/2 green and 1/2 brown foliage onto the paper. Mites will look very small like pinpricks. To treat this, use Summit year round spray oil.
- Mimosa (silk trees) with webworms can be treated with [*Bonide eight*](#). When using Bonide eight, you should apply this product in the evening. Webworms can be prevented for the following year by applying an application of Bonide annual tree and shrub insect control in June.
- Lace flies are overtaking azaleas that are grown in sunny locations. The leaves affected by the lace flies turn silvery and have black dots underneath the leaves. You can control the lace flies by using [*Bonide Systemic insect control spray*](#). Do not use drenches now.
- To protect yourself your family and pets from mosquitos, which may be carrying West Nile or Zika Virus, use [*Summit Mosquito and Gnat Barrier Spray*](#). Make this product's application in the evening. This product should decrease the number of mosquitos present for up to four weeks. Remember chickens that are free range on your property will also eat mosquitos and ticks.

Fall vegetables can be planted now. In the fall vegetable garden there are less insects to deal with.

Lawn:

Follow the 60/40 lawn program if you have a severe clover and crabgrass issue in your lawn. Use Bonide weedbeater plus crabgrass killer to kill crabgrass. When clover or ground ivy are taking over the lawn spray two times 5 days apart with speedzone weed killer and spray in the evening after temps cool. Remember do not mow 2 days before of after spraying for best results

and don't spray if you have rain in the forecast. If you are in a drought area you can delay the start of the lawn renovation.

Remember to always follow the label instructions on the products.