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Summer Flowers:

- Vinca flowers can be replaced with winter pansies. Use Bobbex deer repellent after planting to keep the deer away.
- You can also replace declining summer flowers with Red Rhubarb Swiss Chard to create a colorful edible border which can be harvested every 2-3 weeks this fall.

Perennials:

- Cut back perennials that are brown and withered. Divide overgrown perennials this fall, and feed them with Garden Trust.
- Weeded and cleaned perennial beds will stay free of winter and spring weeds for 4-6 months if you apply [Gallery](#) before you mulch this fall. We prefer that you mulch with Sweet Peet. Sweet Peet will help prevent weeds and also it feeds your plants as it breaks down.
- In two weeks you can cut back perennial hibiscus plants.
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Flowering Bushes:

- Do not prune any spring flowering shrubs, like Azaleas, Rhododendrons, Lilac, Forsythia, Spirea, Viburnum, Deutzia, or Weigela. If they are pruned now, next year's flower buds will be removed.

Tree and Shrubs:

- The best time to touch up your landscaping is now while the weather is getting cooler. You can plant new trees or do a complete landscape overhaul. Plants planted in the fall, will have a stronger root system than plants planted in the spring. Also, an application of [Kick Start](#) after planting trees and shrubs will improve root systems. Stronger roots will help plants thrive during next year's summer heat.

Holiday Plants:

- Keep Christmas and Thanksgiving cactus in a place where the night temperatures will be below 50 degrees for 5-6 days to trigger flower bud formation. After the 5-6 cool nights, you can place your holiday cactus in a place where you will later enjoy its flowers. The best place to grow an indoor holiday cactus is a place that has plenty of light and is somewhat cool. Water the cactus when it is almost dry, and use [Seamate](#) every time you water. Use a [Luster Leaf moisture meter](#) to check the moisture of the soil deeper down in the pot. The top of the soil will always feel dry. Holiday cactus can be easily overwatered.

Lawn:

- Emerging wild garlic and onions in your lawn can be eradicated by spot spraying with Speedzone weed killer. This will not cause harm to the lawn.
- Those who are getting started late on their lawn renovations may ignore weeds for now. It is more important to have fertilizing and seeding done at this time. You can take care of the weeds later.
- After grass seed has germinated, treat the entire lawn with [Kick Start](#) to help promote a thriving root system. Additionally, *Kick Start* will make any fertilizer application more efficient.

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- IF you notice grubs during renovation, then apply DYLOX grub killer before seeding.
- If you do not have any extra time to spend on your lawn, then you should at least feed the lawn with [Turf Trust](#). Lawns that are not routinely fed with fertilizer will decline and can be overtaken by clover and weeds. If you are not able to do this yourself have your landscaper feed the lawn with Turf Trust.

Remember fall is the best time of year for lawn seeding.