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Trees:

- Rusty, slimy residue or growth on Cedar or Juniper are signs of the rust disease. It can soon infect hawthorn and crabapple trees. To prevent rust disease on hawthorn and crabapple trees, use [Bonide Infuse](#) as the flower buds begin blooming and repeat the application in thirty-day intervals in early May and June. Additionally, apply [Bonide Mancozeb](#) ten & twenty days after each application of *Bonide Infuse*. Do not use fruit from sprayed trees for food or feed purposes.

Lawn:

- If your lawn has a history of grub damage, inspect for grubs. If more than seven grubs are present in one square foot of lawn, use [Bayer Dylox](#) to eradicate the grubs. Water in the application with 1/2 an inch of water or apply the *Bayer Dylox* before rain is expected. Six or less grubs per square foot will not do enough damage to harm your lawn if your lawn had been fed with [Turf Trust](#) early this spring.
- Wild violets on your lawn can be controlled by applying [Speedzone Lawn Weed Killer](#). Make two applications six days apart with the *Ortho dial sprayer*. Use the 1tbs setting for the *Speedzone* applications. Do not mow the lawn for three days before or three days after the applications. It takes two to three weeks to kill wild violets depending on temperature and soil moisture.

Houseplants:

- Do not take houseplants outside yet because nights are still too cool, and there is a danger of night frost. Continue to feed your houseplants with *Seamate* every time you water.
- Dutch amaryllis can be planted outside in the garden in an area that receives half a day of sunlight after being removed from the pot. When planting, mix fresh *Canadian Peet Moss* with your soil before planting the amaryllis. Feed the amaryllis with [Plant Trust Flower and Bulb Fertilizer](#). Water these plants weekly during the dry summer conditions.

Flowers:

- The best wave petunia is the blue wave petunia. The purple wave petunia is prone to root rot. When buying blue petunias, make sure the tag says blue wave petunia. You can plant blue wave petunia in the flower bed in two to three weeks. Feed ground planted blue wave petunias with *Plant Trust Flower and Bulb Fertilizer*. Blue wave petunias grown in pots during the summer should be fed with [Jack's Classic Petunia Feed](#) every two to three weeks.

Fruit:

- Strawberries can now be planted in a vegetable garden in a sunny location. Do not expect a large harvest the first year planted. The following year's harvest will be much better.

Bees:

- To protect bees, make insect spray applications in the late evening and do not spray trees or shrubs when blooming (including evergreens like hollies). Mow the lawn to decrease dandelions and clover flowers that would attract bees to the lawn before spraying trees in the lawn.
- Use insecticides less toxic to bees such as *B.T* or oils, like [Clear Choice Green](#) or [Summit Year Round Spray Oil](#), when B.T and oils are adequate for your needs.
- Avoid dust and encapsulated insecticides because they are more toxic to bees.