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#### Lawn

End of year lawn care should include checking the lawn's pH with a Luster Leaf [Ph tester](#). The Ph should be between 6.3 - 6.7. If the PH is not in this range, follow instructions given with your pH tester. If the Ph is to low, spreading lime will raise the Ph. If the Ph is to high, spreading iron sulphate will lower the Ph. DO NOT use Aluminum sulfata.

Remove the remaining leaves from the lawn.

Extra compost can be lightly spread over your lawn to help improve your soil. The thawing and freezing of night frosts will work the organic matter into the soil. Do not walk on frozen grass wait until after the night frost is gone. Wait until the afternoon to do work in the yard this winter.

#### Northern Lawns

If last year your lawn suffered from snow-mold, now is the time to apply [Bonide Infuse](#). Make the first application now and repeat in two weeks to prevent snow mold next spring.

After your last mowing winterize your lawn mower. ( Consult your owners manual for maintenance procedure) If you do not want to do this yourself, bring your mower to a service shop for this to be done. You can also have a tune up and blade sharpening done at the same time if needed. Your mower will now be ready for next spring. ( most service shops will not be busy this time of year, compared to early spring)

#### Christmas Trees

Buy your cut Christmas tree ASAP because the cut trees on tree lots are dehydrating if they are not in water. After buying a cut tree, make a fresh cut to the bottom, set the tree up into the tree stand with water, and never let the tree run out of water. Make sure to add [prolong](#) to the water to help keep your tree greener longer.

#### Home

Winterize all outdoor faucets. Shut them off inside and make sure the pipes are drained. Winterize sprinkler systems. Make sure the pipes and valves are drained. Clean gutters and down spouts from fallen leaves.

If you have a pond, install a [pond heater](#) for the winter months. Also, remove, drain, and store the U.V. system in a frost free area.

[Bird Bath heaters](#) can be installed in the bird baths now.

Store your liquid pesticides, fertilizers, and repellents in a frost free place under lock and key out of reach from children. For more information on storing, visit [www.pestfacts.org](http://www.pestfacts.org).

This weeks gift idea is Snow Wolf or a gift certificate to [www.roozensonline.com](http://www.roozensonline.com).