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Holiday Plans:

Poinsettias are kept slightly moist and fed with [seamate](#) every time you water them to keep them healthy. Never let the soil of the Poinsettia get dry or let them have water standing in the saucer, Poinsettias like the soil to be slightly moist. Water the Poinsettias every 3-4 days lightly, depending on how warm your house is. (hot and sunny needs more water and cool and dim light will need less)

Indoor Plants

Gardenia , Jasmine , and potted citrus plants, make sure to add 1 tablespoon of vinegar in a quart of water with seamate every time you water.

Insects Control ants, fleas, ticks, and stink bugs indoors with

Cyclamen need to be kept in a sunny and cool location to keep them blooming throughout the winter. Feed them with [seamate](#), every time you water them and keep the cyclamen slightly moist. Holiday Cactus should be kept as cool as possible to keep them blooming longer, feed them also with seamate, with every watering. But keep the Christmas and Thanksgiving cactus on the dry side. Norfolk island pine, used as an indoor Christmas tree, needs to be kept in a sunny and cool location and keep the soil somewhat dry. Feed the Norfolk island pine with [seamate](#), every time you water.

Flowers

Make a second application of Bonide Repells-all, to protect your pansies / violas from the deer.

- Ornamental cabbage and kale can replace tired summer flowers. The nights are cool enough to force these ornamental plants to start changing their color.
- After first frost, dig up elephant's ears and caladium bulbs and store these bulbs in a dry, paper box or bag, in a warm place (65-70°F). Do not store these bulbs in plastic bags.
- Bring gardenia and citrus plants indoors, After you have sprayed them with Summit year round spray oil for houseplants and before it gets too cold. Keep the gardenias' soil slightly moist, and keep the citrus plants' soil on the dry side. Use [Seamate](#) every time you water and use vinegar (1 tablespoon per quart of water mixed with the [Seamate](#)) every fourth watering. Keep both of these plants in a well lit location.
- Tulips and other Dutch flower bulbs can be planted now. After planting the bulbs, feed them with Garden Trust. (Do not use bonemeal for spring flower bulbs)

To keep Mice and Voles from eating your Tulips plant Fritillaria bulbs 1 for every 100 Tulips in the beds.

Continue planting Tulips, Daffodils , Hyacinthus and other minor spring bulbs, until the soil is frozen. If you have no garden space plant a few paper white narcissus. Use 3-5 bulbs per pot. Keep the newly potted paper whites cool (35-45 degrees) for 3-4 days.

After the cooling, place them in a warm and well lit place indoors, your paper whites will bloom within 14 days with a good root system.

Lawn

Wild onions and garlic in zoysia lawns, will be ignored for now. We will take care of them next spring, with Bonide Weedbeater ultra or Fertilome weed free zone, without damaging the zoysia grass. If your lawn was damaged last year by snow mold, buy [Bonide infuse](#) now, so that you will have it on hand, to be applied in December to prevent any snow mold this season. If you have not given the Blue grass or Tall Fescue

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lawn its November [Turf Trust](#) application then feed the lawn now with [turf trust](#), to help them grow stronger roots, have your lawn care company apply it now. The lawn will be more disease and drought resistant next summer. (November is the most important lawn feeding)

Christmas Trees

Cut Christmas trees must be alive and freshly harvested. A fresh cut must be made right before the tree is set up inside, on a stand with a water reservoir. The first water you give the tree needs to be slightly warm and mixed with [prolong](#). Never let the tree run out of water! When it runs out of water indoors, it will be dead within hours and can become a fire hazard.

Bugs / Rodents:

- Boxelder bugs, pill bugs, stinkbugs, and crickets that are trying to enter your home can be controlled by using [Bonide eight](#) or Summit mosquito and gnat barrier spray. Spray a 4-6' barrier around your home and garage.
- To keep mice out of your garage, shed, Rv, or basement use Bonide [mouse magic](#) as a repellent.
- For indoor bugs (bed bugs and Roaches) you can use Summit Permiside P1.

Moss:

- Concrete, pool surroundings, patios, natural stone, roofs, siding, tennis courts, and outside stored marine craft can be treated with [Wet and Forget](#) to remove moss, mold, mildew, and algae stains. You can also use [Wet and Forget](#) to prevent the moss, mold, mildew, and algae from forming.

Always followed labeled directions. And read fertilizer and grass seed labels, so that you know what you are buying.

For the gardener in your family an ideal holiday gift will be the [Earthway 2100p broadcast lawn spreader](#).