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Trees
Prune and remove vines, english ivy, poison ivy, and wild grapes from tree trunks now.

Vegetables
Gardeners that had no luck with root crops like turnips , beets, or potatoes and that grew large tomato plants that produced few tomatoes, those gardeners DO NOT ADD any more organic soil conditioners to there gardens. The soil already contains to much nitrogen. You will need to check the ph with a ph tester. And adjust the PH as needed. These gardeners will not use any fertilizer containing nitrogen, only use phosphate as plant food, when planting in the spring. They use 1/2 lb of Bonide triple super phosphate per 100 sqft, when the plants are root or fruiting crops. When planting greens, they use only 4oz of Bonide triple super phosphate per 100 sqft. Vegetable gardens will be sown with winter grain rye after the beds have been cleaned, the rye will be used as a cover crop.

Plants
Banana plants that have been damaged by night frost can be cut back then dug up and potted so that they can be taken indoors for the winter. Keep the banana plants soil on the dry side while indoors and feed with seamate when watering once a month.
If you have Musa Basjoo Banana plants it is safe to keep them planted out side in zone 6 and up. Mulch them with 4 inches of hardwood mulch. And they will come back next spring if they are planted in full sun.
Frozen foliage from, Caladium, Canna lilies, Elephant ear, Dahlias, and Tuberose should be cut away and tubers will be dug up and air dried. Store the Caladium and Elephant ear tubers in a warm dry indoor place. Dahlia , Tuberose, and Canna lilies are stored in a much cooler but frost free place (40-50 degrees).
Cover the tubers with dry sphagnum peat moss or vermiculite.

Fall planting:
- Plant all potted hardy plants such as evergreens, roses, trees, perennials, roses, and shrubs. Do not store these plants outside throughout the winter because the roots will freeze. Now is the time to plant them. Plant these plants in a mixture of soil and *Bacto Peatmoss*. Then water the plant with *Kickstart* to promote exceptional root growth throughout the fall.

Broadleaf Evergreens
- In late fall, protect broadleaf evergreens against winter burn with Rockland winter shield. Apply WinterShield on a day when the weather is dry and daytime temps will be over 40 degrees.

Lawn
Keep removing the falling leaves from your lawn.
In northern states make the last cut on your blue grass lawn at 2 inches and for tall fescue cut to 2.5 inches this will help prevent “snow mold”. If you did not make the November Turf Trust application do so now if permitted in your local area. With this feeding all of the energy goes to the roots and crown. This means that the roots will grow all winter long if you have cool weather grasses. 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.

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Buffalo, Bermuda, Centipede, Palmetto St Augustine, and Zoysia lawns will not be fed in the fall. These lawns are fed in late spring or early summer with Turf Trust. You will then feed them again 6-8 weeks later.
Midiron Bermuda grass is a pet friendly and pet urine resistant grass.
Do not use Monterey spurge power or speedzone on Buffalo or St Augustine lawns for weed control.

Indoor Plants
Gardenia , Jasmine , and potted citrus plants. Make sure to add 2 tablespoons of vinegar in a quart of water and water them. Do this once a month. And feed with seamate with every watering.

Insects
Control ants, fleas, ticks, and stink bugs indoors with summit Permicide P-1 (Called bed bug killer)

Flowers
Continue planting Tulips, Daffodils , Hyacinthus and other minor spring bulbs, after annual flowers have 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.

For the gardener in your family an ideal holiday gift will be the Earthway 2100p broadcast lawn spreader.