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#### Bushes:

- Cut back blackened and mildew infested bush peony foliage to the ground. Remove all of the cut foliage and discard in the trash. Do not place the removed foliage in a compost pile.

#### Flowers:

- When shopping for fall pansies look for *Panolas* and violas. These plants handle the cold better than pansies and will have more flowers per plant than other large blooming pansies. After planting your *Panolas* and violas, be sure to feed them with [Plant Trust Flower and Bulb Fertilizer](#). Also be sure to deer proof these plants with an application of [I Must Garden Deer Repellant](#). Two weeks after the initial application, repeat the deer repellent application one time.

#### Plants:

- Fall is for planting! It is a great time to go to your local nursery or garden center and pick up new plants to use to improve your landscape. Right now most plants are in good supply.
- Plants planted in the fall will have better root systems, so they will need less watering in the spring and summer which will mean less time needed to care for these plants next year! Applying [Kick Start](#) after planting the new plants will help the new plants to develop roots faster.
- Take cuttings from fancy leaved coleus and root the cuttings indoors in a well lit area. After the plant is well rooted, keep the soil on the dry side. The coleus will develop into nice house plant. Remember to use [Seamate](#) every time you water your coleus.
- If spruce mites were an issue this year, apply the last application of [Summit Year round spray oil](#) now to keep adults mite from hibernating on your plants (insect drenches do not control mites).

#### Perennials:

Perennials can be cut back. And the beds can be cleaned weeded and edged. After the cleaning apply [Green Light Amaze](#) weed preventer to prevent winter weeds.(chickweed, henbit ) After applying the Amaze mulch the area with Sweet Peet.

#### Lawn:

- Rake leaves as they fall on to the lawn. Alternatively, if the leaves are not covering the entire lawn, use a lawnmower with a bagger to remove the leaves. However, if the leaves are covering all of the grass or there is 1.5" of leaf cover, then a leaf blower or rake should be used. Remember grass does not like to be covered by leaves.
- If grass seed has not been sown, then you can prevent chickweed, henbit, spurge, and speedwell from taking over your lawn by applying [Portrait or Gallery](#). If [Portrait or Gallery](#) is used, grass cannot be sown until 60 days after the application. This will place you close to new years, at that time you can do a dormant seeding. If a winter seeding is made, [Tuppesan Crabgrass Preventer](#) needs to be used in the spring to prevent crabgrass in the summer (do not use [Greenlight Dimension](#) at that time).
- Sandbur weed grass can be killed with [Bayer Bermudagrass Control for Lawns](#). And to prevent the Sandbur apply [Crabgrass preventer with Dimension](#) early next spring.