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Flower Beds:

- On a nice day, when soil is not frozen, perennial and shrub beds can be cleaned.
- Before mulching perennial and shrub beds, apply [Greenlight Amaze](#) to prevent new weeds that emerge from seed.

Lawn:

- Do not walk on frozen grass.
- Since lawn mower repair shops are not busy at this time of the year, you should take advantage of this time and have your lawn mower tuned up, change the oil, and sharpen or replace the blades.

House Plants:

- Jade plants dropping leaves are overwatered. Keep Jade plants in a location that will expose them to as much sun light as possible and keep the soil on the dry side. To help the Jade plant grow better, mix 1/2 Tbsp [SeaMate](#) with 1 Tbsp of Hydrogen peroxide per quart of water. Use this mixture every time you water the Jade plant.
- Keep mites under control by applying [Pure Spray Green or Summit Year Round Spray Oil for House Plants](#).
- All of the house plants should be fed with [Seamate](#) every time that you water. Use 1/2 tablespoon of [Seamate](#) per quart of water.
- Keep African Violets away from cold windowsills. They do not tolerate the cold. The cold can lead to root rot.
- Do not over water house plants. Use a [Luster Leaf Moisture Meter](#).

Planning:

- Shop for supplies now. Look at the [GardenSense lawn calendar](#) to anticipate your needs for this spring.
- You should be sure to stock up on items that you will likely need, like *Spray Oil*, *Lime Sulphur*, *Vegetable Fertilizer*, and/or *Bonide Hydrated Lime* (this product can prevent blossom end rot in tomatoes).
- Roses and hydrangeas will need to be fed in the spring with [Plant Trust Flower and Bulb Fertilizer](#), so you should stock up on this item.
- Flowers grown in flower beds, such as geranium, petunia, or hibiscus will grow better if they are fed with [Plant Trust Tree and Shrub Fertilizer](#). Use one pound per 100 sq. feet of bed area. Apply one week after planting. Never place any fertilizer in the planting hole when planting. These plants are an exception; normally, [Plant Trust Flower and Bulb Fertilizer](#) should be used when planting summer flowers. This type of planting should occur in the spring. One application per season is usually sufficient when planting summer flowers.

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