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#### Mosquito:

- To be free of mosquitos at your party or cookout, apply *Summit Mosquito and Gnat Barrier Spray* in the evening, the day before the event, when mosquitos are most active.
- For last minute mosquito solutions if *Summit Mosquito and Gnat Barrier Spray* was not applied, use *Bonide Mosquito Beater Area Mosquito Repellant*. A 1.3 lbs container will treat up to 4,000 sq. ft..
- Mosquitos can be prevented from breeding on your property by using *Summit Mosquito Dunks*. This is a biological mosquito control. The active ingredient "BT" will kill mosquitos before the mosquito is old enough to bite. Place the *Dunks* in standing water. i.e. flower pots, tree holes, bird baths, rain barrels, roof gutters, old tires, unused swimming pools, and animal watering troughs. *Summit Dunks* can also be used in fish habitats.
- Plant scented geraniums "citronella mosquito plant" in a garden or container near or on a patio or deck to help repel mosquitos. Touch the mosquito citronella plant, and the plant will release a strong, fresh, citronella scent.

#### Shrubs:

- Inspect your evergreens for bagworms soon (now for the mid-Atlantic region and in 7-14 days for areas north of the Mid-Atlantic regions) if you had bagworms in your arborvitae or juniper shrubs last year. If you find bag worms and they are young, apply *Dipel*, but if the bagworms are bigger, use *Bondie Systemic Insect Control*. If there are only a few bagworms on your plants, you can handpick the bagworms off the plant.
- If your euonymus is suffering from mildew, then trim the euonymus back and feed with *Plant Trust*. The plant will outgrow the mildew problem.
- Euonymus scale is more serious. Use *Bonide Animal Tree and Shrub Insect Control* to eradicate this pest. You will know that you plant has euonymus scale because the leaves and branches will look like they are covered with dandruff. This needs to be treated because the euonymus scale can kill the euonymus.

#### Lawn:

- Now is the time to apply *Turf Trust* to zoysia lawns. Only one application is needed yearly, and now is the best time to apply.
- Cool weather grasses like tall fescue and blue grass are due for an early summer, half application of *Turf Trust*.
- Remember that a *Kick Start* application on your lawn now can help save money on your water bill because this product will help with your lawn's root system so that it will need less frequent waterings.

#### Roses:

- Roses, including re-blooming shrub roses, that were not fed properly will soon develop mildew and black spot. If your rose plants were not fed with *Plant Trust Flower and Bulb Fertilizer*, feed them with this as soon as possible. Repeat this fertilizer application at the end of August. Older, larger plants should be given 5 ozs of *Plant*

*Trust*, but newly planted roses should only be given 3 ozs. Apply the *Plant Trust* around the stem, but 8-10" away from the stem.

Flowers and Vegetables:

- After you are finished planting annual flowers or vegetables, feed them only once with *Plant Trust Vegetable and Flower Fertilizer*. If this fertilizer is used and these plants are planted in a flower or vegetable garden, then biweekly feedings of liquid fertilizer are not needed.
- Vegetable and flowers grown in containers should be fed with *Neptune's Harvest Fish and Seaweed Fertilizer* biweekly.