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Grass:

- Weeds that emerge with the grass seed, were not from the grass seeds, but the weed seeds that were left behind in your soil from the previous season. These weed seeds will germinate at the same time as the grass seed. To kill these weeds, you will need to apply Bonide Weedbeater Ultra this fall or next spring. Other lawn weed killers do not work efficiently in temperatures below 55-60 degrees. DO NOT APPLY the *Bonide Weedbeater Ultra* until AFTER the new baby grass has begun growing and has been cut at least two times. Otherwise, the baby grass will be damaged if the application is applied too early.
- Many people have reported seeing white grubs while renovating their lawns. If you find more than 6-7 grubs per square feet, use [Bayer Dylox](#) to get rid of the grubs. If there are less than 6-7 grubs per square feet, then use *Turf Trust* to out grow the grub's damage.
- If you have not already done so, feed your lawn with [Turf Trust](#). Grass fed with *Turf Trust* will multiply up to 200-300% which will crowd out winter weeds. *Turf Trust* is the most complete lawn fertilizer formula available to homeowners.
- Do not use starter fertilizer with a high middle number(example 28-24-16) when sowing or growing grass seed. Young grass, only needs a small amount of phosphate to start life, use the *Turf Trust* 24-2-12.
- Lawns that are not fed with a fertilizer, will become weed patches soon.
- Lawns that are neglected, but still look nice, are most likely crabgrass lawns. These lawns will die after the first frost.
- Lawns in cooler climates can be renovated by skipping applications of weed killers. Cut your lawn short. Rake out the weeds and crabgrass with a *cavex rake* or a *power rake*. Sow your grass seed directly in the remaining grass even with the weeds and crab grass left behind. With the cooler weather, the crab grass will die on its own. The weeds can be dealt with later.
- It is important to get your grass seed sown as soon as possible. Soil temperatures fall fast in our Northern Broadcast areas. Soon, some varieties of tall fescue and bluegrass seed will not be able to germinate in the cooler temperatures. An advantage of using Water saver R.T.F. tall fescue grass seed is, that it will more readily germinate in lower soil temperatures than other varieties of tall fescue grass seed.

Lightly water the newly seeded Water Saver RTF daily until it germinates. After germination water longer but less frequently. Apply kick start to the newly seeded areas 3-5 days after seeding and repeat ten days later.

House plants:

- It is time to take your house plants indoors in most Northern States. When you bring them in, make sure to spray them first with [Summit year round spray oil for houseplants](#). People living in Mid-Atlantic States can wait two more weeks before taking their plants indoors.
- While your house plants are indoors, use [Seamate](#) every time you water. Let your house plants get slightly dry between waterings.

Shrubs:

Hydrangeas that look pale and the leaves develop maroon brown spots and yellowing leaves are running out of food. Next season feed them twice with Garden Trust. Once in the early spring and once again, mid summer.

Overwatering of established re blooming Hydrangeas , and compost rich soil can cause them not to bloom.

Insects:

- Now that it is getting colder, crickets, spiders, sow bugs, and stink bugs will be trying to get into your home. Keep them out by applying [Summit Mosquito and Gnat Barrier Spray](#) or [Bonide Eight](#) around the house. Also, Mosquitos and fleas in the lawn and garden can be controlled with these same products.

Amaryllis:

- Now is the time to shop for Dutch amaryllis. The best blooming amaryllis to buy are Orange Sovereign, Prince Carnival, Apple Blossom, Christmas Gift, and Susan. When planting a Dutch amaryllis, use a pot approximately 2" larger than the bulb. Use a mix of 1/3 Sphagnum peat moss, 1/3 PerLite and 1/3 Vermiculite , as a potting soil and water with luke warm water one time after potting. Keep the potted amaryllis in a warm place. Light is not important right after potting, but heat is.
- After the amaryllis' flower stem is 5" tall, resume watering the amaryllis. Every time you water the amaryllis, feed with [Seamate](#). Use an [electronic moisture meter](#) to determine when to water the amaryllis. If you do not use a moisture meter, you will probably over water the plant because the watering needs to be done based on the moisture near the roots. The moisture at the top of the soil is a poor indicator of the root moisture.
- When the flower stem is 5" tall, it needs to be moved to a cooler, well lit place to display and enjoy your amaryllis' bloom.

Perennials:

- Weeded and cleaned perennial beds will stay free of winter and spring weeds for 4-6 months if you apply [Gallery](#) before you mulch this fall. We prefer that you mulch with Sweet Peet. Sweet Peet will help prevent weeds and also it feeds your plants as it breaks down.
- Now is the time to cut back perennial hibiscus plants.

NOTE: Due to the wet cool August and very dry and warm September, most plants have root damage and are stressed. To help your trees and lawns recover from this root damage, apply Nico's Best Kick Start three times a week apart. The Kick Start will help the plants regrow root hairs.