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Trees

- Make an application of lime sulfur and year round spray oil on the fruit trees soon. The mild weather makes peach, apple, and pear trees break their dormancy sooner than normal.

Flower Beds:

- To prevent summer weeds, apply [Greenlight Amaze](#) in shrub and perennial beds before mulching.
- During the spring, use controlled released fertilizer on annual plants planted in flower beds (petunia, begonias, and inpatients) instead of using liquid fertilizers. Liquid fertilizers have a low efficiency rate, last only a few weeks, and can leach. Use controlled released fertilizer like [Plant Trust Flower and Bulb Fertilizer](#). Do not place the *Plant Trust* in the holes with the plant when planting, only side dress one week after planting, and only apply once a season.
- *Plant Trust Flower and Bulb Fertilizer* is the most complete flower fertilizer of which I am aware.
- *Plant Trust Flower and Bulb Fertilizer* not only gives your flowers, nitrogen, phosphate, and potassium, but also gives them minor and trace elements in the ratio needed by the plants.
- Feed daffodils, lilies, and minor bulbs now if those bulbs had not been fed last fall. Use [Plant Trust Flower and Bulb Fertilizer](#).
- When buying forced perennials, like prime roses or helleboris, keep the plants protected from frost. Plant these tender young perennials in early to mid-April in the ground, depending on weather. These plants will be hardy next winter when planted correctly.

Moss:

- Due to the increased rainfall over the last two years, there may be more moss present in your yard. Most home lawns do not have adequate draining soils. Many homeowners are using urea based high salt indexed lawn fertilizers, which require additional waterings to keep the lawn green during the summer. These factors keep the lawn more moist, which is an environment in which moss thrives.
- To kill moss in a lawn, use [Bonide Moss Max](#).
- Use [Turf Trust Lawn Fertilizer](#) to feed the lawn. It contains plenty iron sulfate (active ingredient in moss killers) to suppress moss.

Lawn Tools and Supplies:

- Check to make sure you have all the lawn tools and supplies that you will need for spring planting. Also make sure that your tools are in good working condition.