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Seeds:

- Start shopping now for flower and vegetable seeds. Look for [starter trays](#), [heating mats](#), [Earthbox planters](#), and use 1/3 sphagnum peat moss, 1/3 perlite and 1/3 vermiculite as a planting mix.
- Soon, it will be time to plant cool weather vegetable seeds and cool weather herbs, like chives and parsley .

Lawn:

- Shop now for your spring lawn supplies. You do not want to be waiting in line at the stores when you could be applying the [Turf Trust](#) and other supplies. If you are not sure what supplies you need, you can always call an expert at 1-800-721-6003.
- If you did not service your lawn mower, have it serviced now, so that it is ready for spring.
- Check your spreader, to make sure it is in proper working order. Oil any parts that need oiled. When in need of a new spreader, we recommend the [Earthway 2100p](#).
- Even if you have a lawn service, you can purchase [Turf Trust](#) or other products that you want used on your lawn and have your lawn service company apply it. **Do not let them apply anything they want - they may use a short chained urea, which can cause root damage and surge growth, and may even cause leaf spot disease.**

Do not walk on your lawn when the grass is frozen and apply [gypsum](#) now to any areas of the lawn that may have been exposed to ice melter or road salts.

Check the lawn PH and Phosphate levels now for any deficiencies, you can do this at home with a [luster leaf test kit](#).

House Plants:

- White cottony sticky residue on a Jade plant indicates that the plant has mealy bugs. To treat this, use [Bonide Systemic House Plant Insect Control](#).

Jade plants dropping leaves are overwatered. Keep Jade plants in a warm location and that will expose them to as much sun light as possible, never cold, also keep the soil on the dry side. To help the Jade plant grow better, mix 1/2 Tbsp [SeaMate](#) with 2 Tbsp of Hydrogen peroxide per quart of water. Use this mixture every time you water the Jade plant.

- \* Reduce watering for Xmas cactus now, but continue to feed them [seamate](#), when they are watered.

Continue feeding house plants, Cyclamen, Bonsai, Orchids, And Christmas Cactus with [Seamate](#), every time you water. Control spider mites on house plants with [Summit year round house plant spray oil](#). Aphids, Mealy bugs, and scale on house plants and Hibiscus are controlled with [Bonide systemic house plant insect control](#).

Areas that have snow cover for over one week.

1. Feed wild birds ( wild bird seed, old bread , or suet cakes )
2. If possible supply water that is not frozen for the birds.

#### Trees / Shrubs :

If you did not spray Liquid Copper on your Dogwoods, Japanese maples, roses, fruit trees, and blueberry bushes, spray them ASAP on a nice winter day.

Prune all lateral vines off, of wisteria plants, to leave only two buds and the main trunks. This is needed to make your wisteria bloom this season. Only feed them with Garden Trust. Damaged trees and shrubs can be helped with an application of Garden Trust and Kick Start, which will give the trees and shrubs the energy needed to grow new foliage to repair themselves.

#### Planning:

In 2-3 weeks you can take cuttings from Brown Turkey Fruiting Fig trees. Take the cuttings as soon as the weather warms but well before the figs break dormancy. Use [promix potting soil](#), [Root boost](#), and 4 inch pots, to start the 3-4 inch cuttings. Cuttings can be rooted outside in a sunny sheltered location. It may take 4-5 weeks for them to be rooted.

#### Deer:

- Spring will be here soon. Make sure to protect hostas from deer damage. To do this, apply *Bonide Repels All* 7-10 days before the hostas emerge from the soil. When the hostas, reach 2-4," apply *Bonide Repels All* . Additionally, make bi-weekly treatments to hostas until they stop growing new leaves.

#### Winter Damage:

Monkey grass / Liriope that are damaged, cut them all the way back in the early spring and feed them with Plant Trust and two times ten days apart with Kick Start.