

Fruit Trees: ( Northern Areas )

- If you have not pruned fruit trees and grape plants, do so as soon as possible.
- Grape plants pruned in the spring will bleed, but this will not significantly harm the plant. It is better to let the plant lose some sap now than to prune in the fall, which can lead to winter damage after a very cold winter in northern areas. Make sure the pH is near 7 when growing grape plants. If the pH is low, add [Bonide Hydrated Lime](#) and continue to monitor the pH.

Grass:

- Cut ornamental grasses to 2-6" above the soil level and feed with [Turf Trust](#).

Lawn:

- If you sown grass seed in the late-fall, winter, or this spring, then you cannot use Dimension crabgrass preventer this spring. You must use *Lebanon Turpersan 4.6G* to prevent summer crabgrass this season. [Lebanon Turpersan 4.6G](#) is the only crabgrass preventer that contains siduron and no fertilizer. Two applications of *Lebanon Turpersan 4.6G* should be applied 30days apart to prevent the germination of summer crabgrass. The first application should be applied when the forsythia flowers are dropping in your area. Use the 2 lb./1,000 sq. feet spreader recommendation as stated on the bag. Remember to follow all label directions.
- Annual bluegrass can be prevented from coming up next season by applying *Crabgrass Preventer with Dimension* in late August.
- Make sure you feed your lawn with [Turf Trust](#) if you have not done so this season, to help grow a deep root system.
- Do not feed Southern lawns unless they have broken dormancy. Zoysia lawns are fed once a year with Turf Trust and Bermuda and St Augustine lawns are fed every three months with Trust Trust.

Flower Beds:

- To prevent summer weeds, apply [Bonide crabgrass and weed preventer](#) in shrub and perennial beds before mulching, with SweetPeet.
- During the spring, use controlled released fertilizer on annual plants planted in flower beds (petunia, begonias, and impatiens) 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 Garden Trust. Do not place the *Garden Trust* in the holes with the plant when planting, only side dress one week after planting, and only apply once a season.
- *Garden Trust 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 [Garden Trust](#).*

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- *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.*

*Deer*

*Spray Hosta and other plants that deer like to eat as they emerge with Bobbex deer repellent. Spray once per week for the first month as the new growth comes out. After that you can maintain spraying with once a month applications.*

*North of Richmond do not plant tender vegetables or flowers not even cool weather vegetables until the cold spell is over.*