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Mosquito:

- To be free of mosquitos at your party or cookout this summer, 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.

Lawn:

- Keep mowing your [RTF Tall Fescue](#) at 3.5-4". This is the same height that it should have been mowed during the spring. Be sure to keep the mower blade sharp. There have been calls regarding brown patches in lawns. The most common cause for this is fungus. Fungus will occur because lawns were not mowed for 10-14 days and the grass had remained wet from rain. Be sure to mow at least once a week. Do not rely on lawn fungicides to treat your lawn for the brown spots because the fungicide will kill both good and bad fungi. The good fungi is needed because they prey on brown patch and dollar spot fungus. To treat, make a half application of [Turf Trust](#) now, and an application of Kick Start 2 weeks apart and within a few weeks the brown spots will go away. The C.D.U. and ammonium sulfate in Turf Trust and Bio-stimulants in Kick Start will naturally help eradicate the dollar spot and brown patch fungus. However, if your lawn was over seeded last fall and too much seed was used per square foot, then the brown patches cannot repair themselves, and these areas will need to be reseeded with less seed in the fall.
- Never water your lawn in the evening during the summer.
- Do not forget to make the monthly [Kick Start](#) application if you made a phosphate free lawn fertilizer application or if your grass was sown last fall.
- *Kick Start* naturally helps phosphate become available and makes fertilizer more efficient. Go to [Kickstart video](#) to see how kick start has improved grass root systems.

Shrubs:

- When planting azaleas or rhododendron, do not use bagged top soil, compost, or planting soils. Only use *Canadian Sphagnum Peat Moss* as a soil amendment.
- Never plant trees or shrubs deeper than the depth that they were in, in its previous container.
- English boxwoods turning rusty brown or orange are likely planted in wet, poorly draining soil. They are likely suffering from nematodes or phytophthora root rot. To

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treat the boxwood, start by testing the pH of the soil with a [Luster Leaf Ph tester](#). The ideal pH is 6.7-7. When the pH is too low, use *Bonide Hydrate Lime*. If drainage/wet soil is a problem, then drill 18" deep holes with a 1.5" caliber earth auger. Make these holes 10" apart around the sick looking boxwood. Then fill these holes with [. Feed the boxwood with Plant Trust Tree and Shrub Fertilizer](#), but if [Bonide Hydrated Lime](#) was used, then wait to feed the boxwood for two weeks or for two heavy rains after the *Bonide Hydrated Lime* application. Continue to monitor the pH every six months. Avoid planing boxwoods in poorly draining soils. If you have wet soil, plant other plants that will better tolerate the wet soil.

Vegetable garden:

- The best producing cucumbers are burpless cucumbers when grown on a trellis. Cucumbers are heavy feeders. Keep them well fed with [Garden Trust](#). Be sure to grow burpless cumpers in a sunny location where the soil drains well.
- Do not dust cucumbers with insecticide dust because it harms pollinators. Cucumber flowers need to be visited over 200 times by pollinators to be properly pollinated and develop into a healthy cucumber.
- To prevent weeds in your Vegetable and Flower beds use [Preen for Vegetables](#).

Flowers:

Blue wave petunias are one of the best petunias that you can plant. Hybrid petunias do not grow as easy as the original wave petunias. Do not plant purple wave petunias they tend to get root issues.

Titan brand vinca are one of the best summer flowers you can grow. They are heat and drought resistant. Don not plant vinca flowers too early when the soil is still cold and wet (this can cause root rot). Vinca minor summer flowers are usually not eaten by deer.