Lawn

A lawn needs only one inch of water per week to stay green. Overwatering can cause pythium disease (a lawn killer). Water the lawn only in the morning. Watering in the evening can cause dollar spot and brown patch disease. If a lawn is irrigated and the grass turns pale green or has brown spots, then your lawn is short of nitrogen. A half application of *Turf Trust* can correct this.

Crabgrass is showing up even in lawns that used preventers. The heavy rains have displaced the preventers in some areas. Use *Bonide Weedbeater Pluse crabgrass killer spray* to kill the crabgrass.

Nutsedge can be rampant in lawns. Nutsedge is a weed that looks like a grass plant. It grows three times as fast as your lawn grows. It is pale green and grows upright. In order to correct nutsedge, use *Sedgehammer* + . Hand weeding is not recommended because tubers that are left behind will grow into new nutsedge plants.

*When *Bonide Sedge Ender* is used to control nutsedge, you can not reseed the sprayed areas this fall.

Continue controlling mosquitos with Summit Mosquito and Gnat barrier spray. Spraying in the evening will give the best results.

Flowers

Perennials that are finished blooming should be cut back. If they were not fed this spring, feed now with *Garden Trust* so that tubers and roots can grow stronger for next season.

When fed properly Vinca Major, Blue Wave Petunia, Pink Wave Petunia, Wax leaf Begonias, and Angelonia are taking the heat very well. The wave petunias are fed with *Jacks Classic Petunia feed*, Vinca Major, Wax leaf Begonias, and Angelonia are fed with *Garden Trust*.

Vegetables
Do not overwater Squash and Melon plants. Over watering can cause mildew. Water Cucumber plant more often, they like to be in slightly moist soil. Feed cucumber and Squash plants in the garden with Garden Trust. Potted squash and melons should be fed with Monterey fish and Poop fertilizer. Cucumber and Squash plants grown in full sun, potted or planted in the garden, should show no signs of disease if fed properly.

Remember to rotate your crops. Do not plant the same type of crops in the same place as the previous year’s location.

Late tomato plants can be planted now, for a good September and October harvest. Varieties recommended are Better Boy and Parks Whopper.

Blossom end rot in tomatoes (black sunken in areas while still on the vine) Can be treated with Bonide stop rot. Remove the damaged fruits before application.