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Shrubs

If Lace-bugs are devastating your azaleas, and you did not protect them with a drench of *Bonide annual tree and shrub insect control*, then you should spray your azaleas now with [Bonide systemic insect control](#).

Continue to spray grapes with [Mancozeb](#) or [Copper Fungicide](#) to keep black-rot under control. Alberta Spruces that turn brown from the inside out are plagued by spruce mites. It should be sprayed with [Summit year round spray oil](#) and fed with [Plant Trust](#).

When azaleas or rhododendrons new growth has notched edges, it is a sign that they may be infected by weevils. Go out after dark with a flash light and see if adult weevils are present on the edge of the leaves. To control weevils use [Bonide annual tree and shrub insect control](#).

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.

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/ Halosulfuron](#). Hand weeding is not recommended because tubers that are left behind will grow into new nutsedge plants.

*Note- When applying SedgeHammer, follow mixing directions and do not forget to mix in [Spreader sticker \(surfactant\)](#) because water droplets do not readily adhere to upright growing sedge plants.

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

Flowers

Perennials that are finished blooming should be cut back. If they were not fed this spring, feed now with [Plant Trust flower and bulb formula](#) 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, Pink Wave Petunia, Wax leaf Begonias, and Angelonia are fed with [Plant Trust flower and bulb fertilizer](#).

Vegetables

Spade three year old June Bearing strawberry plants under the ground. Then replant one year old June bearing strawberry plants into the garden.

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 [Plant trust Vegetable and flower food](#). Potted squash and melons should be fed with [Neptune's Harvest Fish and Seaweed 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.