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#### Shrubs:

- Scatter cotton seed meal around the drip line of each azalea, pieris japonica, and rhododendrons to promote healthy flower and bud formation in the late summer. When it does not rain in July and August, water your azaleas and Japanese Holly's every 4 days.
- Crepe Myrtles suffering from mildew can be treated with Monterey Garden-[fos](#). If you have not yet fed your Crepe Myrtles this year, feed now with [Garden trust](#), 2 oz per foot of height.
- To control lace bugs on rhododendrons and azaleas planted in the sun, use [Bonide Annual tree and shrub insect control](#). You can tell that lace bugs are present, because the leaves will look silvery white.
- Spray for Japanese Beetles with [Bonide Eight](#).
- Keep an eye out for mites on Alberta Spruces. When there are brown spots developing on the sides of the spruce, spruce mites are likely present. To treat this, apply [Summit Year Round Spray Oil in the evening](#). When the top of the Albert Spruce turns brown, this is an indicator that the spruce is too dry.

#### Flowers:

- Use a [Luster Leaf PH Tester](#) to check the pH on petunias, calibrachoa, hibiscus, and geraniums that are planted in pots, containers, or baskets. If the pH is near 7, use 2 tablespoons of vinegar per quart of water and water every 2 weeks with this mix. Also, feed these plants weekly with Monterey Fish and Poop fertilizer.
- Replace your dead or dying annual flowers with Vinca Minor because these plants can withstand the heat and require little water. Be sure to feed these Vinca Minors with [Garden Trust](#) after planting.
- Cut spent flower stocks of off perennials.
- Now is the last chance to prune hardy mum's to promote bushy plant growth and make flowers this fall. Feed now with [Garden Trust](#), 1-2 oz per plant, if not done fed in the previous few weeks.

#### Vegetable Garden:

- Cool weather cole crops are now bolting or have been harvested. For areas where cole crops have been harvested, remove debris from cool season vegetables and sow swiss chard, a spinach like vegetable that can be cut every two weeks until late fall.
- Now is the time to plant cucumber seeds and cucumber plants to have a second cucumber harvest this summer. Keep cucumber plants well fed with Garden Trust Also, be sure to keep the cucumber plants well watered.
- The tomato in a can needs to be watered once or even twice a day when temperatures are 90°F or above. Be sure to feed the tomato in the can with Monterey Fish and Poop fertilizer every 5 days, the concentration should be 2 tablespoons per gallon of water.
- 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.

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Lawn:

- If you did not apply *Bonide Crabgrass Control with Dimension* in the spring, then goose grass and crabgrass will begin to grow on sunny lawns. To stop this, apply [Bonide weedbeater plus crabgrass killer](#) now, before the goose and crab grass get out of control.
- Bermuda grass in your flower beds or shrubbery can be killed with [Grass Getter](#); before applying make sure your plants are listed as safe to spray on the label.
- In areas where poana or annual blue grass was present, but died this summer, sow [Water Saver RTF Tall Fescue now](#). Cover these seeds with sphagnum peat moss after planting. Water daily until germination. Make a half rate application of [Turf Trust](#) over the entire lawn after sowing. To prevent annual blue grass return, apply [Crabgrass preventer with dimension](#) in late August over the entire lawn, except in the shade. This fall, do not sow grass seed on this treated lawn, only apply *Turf Trust* as scheduled.
- 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.

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