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Lawn:

- With 90+ degree weather, water your lawn once every 10 days. Even if the grass does not turn green, the roots and crowns will be able to stay alive. Doing this will prevent you from needing a total lawn renovation this fall. To keep your lawn green, water [one inch](#) of water every 6-7 days. Also, if you frequently water your lawn, additional small applications of *Turf Trust* will need to be applied.
- A grassy fine bladed grass patch that grows in layers is bentgrass. After mowing bentgrass the areas look like brown spots, after a few days these spots will turn green again. To kill bentgrass in the lawn use [Tensaity](#).

Flowers:

- When white flies are attacking your outdoor plants and flowers, like Hibiscus and Salvias, drench them with *Bonide Rose Rx Systemic Drench*.

Shrubs and Trees:

- Bagworms have devastated some pines, arborvitae and junipers. Bagworms hatched in early June. Bagworms cannot be prevented with insect drenches. Treat now with two applications of [Bonide Systemic insect control spray](#). Make these applications two days apart, and spray in the evening. Prune back the most damaged areas (except on spruce and pine trees), and feed the damaged trees with 2 oz per foot of height with [Plant Trust Tree and Shrub Fertilizer](#).
- Evergreens (yew, arborvitae, and holly) can be pruned now for the last time this year. If you prune them later in the season it will cause soft growth, which is subject to winter kill.
- Existing Leyland Cypress that are planted in full sun and turning brown within the inner foliage while its outer foliage is actively growing should be fed with [Plant Trust Tree and Shrub Fertilizer](#), if not previously done. Also, spray these trees with both [Agri-fos](#) and [Pure Spray Green](#) two times, ten days apart. We have tried other treatments to treat this problem, but using these two products together seems to work the best. If the tree is not fed and sprayed, the browning will spread to other Leyland Cypress.
- Keep removing spent flowers from your butterfly bushes and reblooming hydrangeas to ensure continuous flower production. Also feed them with garden trust if you have not already.

Vegetables:

- A second planting of cucumber, squash and beans can be made now, for an August/September harvest.
- Late tomato plants can be planted now. Diseased or mite infested tomato plants should be cut back to 4-6 inches and fed with [Garden Trust](#) so that they can produce tomatoes in September and October.
- If your Tomato plants are being attacked by mites and the leaves are turning brown, spray them now with [Pure Spray Green](#) (99% pure spray oil). This product is a contact insecticide. Target the spray to the underside of your tomato leaves for best control.

- Continue feeding the tomatoes with [Neptune's Harvest fish and seaweed fertilizer](#), and be sure to keep the plants well watered in this heat.
- Seeds of broccoli, brussels sprouts, and cauliflower can be sown now. These crops are easier to grow in the fall than in the spring season.

If needed look at the lawn renovation instructions in the lawn calendar section.