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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.

- Now is the time to reserve rental equipment like dethatchers and core aerators for your fall renovation program. Buy your [Turf Trust](#) and [Water saver seed](#) now so that it will be on hand when the weather breaks in a few weeks. You don't want to be shopping when you should be renovating. Fall is the best time for lawn renovations. Grass that is seed in the fall will give the grass time to grow roots all fall and spring which will allow the grass to be able to better deal with next years hot summer.
- Spray lawn weeds and crabgrass now if you are following the *60/40 lawn program*.
- Kill all vegetation now if you are following the *disaster lawn program*.

On Southern St. Augustine or Centipede grass lawns do not use Monterey Spurge power or Speedzone for weed control on these lawns you should use Hi Yield Atrazine.

Shrubs:

To keep your roses blooming until November, feed them now with [Garden Trust](#).

Gallery can also be used to prevent broadleaf weeds in ornamental beds to prevent winter weeds. If you seed weeds come up after the [Gallery](#) application they are most likely perennial weeds. The Gallery will only prevent weeds that come from seed.

You should continue to feed your indoor houseplants with [Seamate](#) every time you water these plants.

Do not trim azaleas any more. They have set next years buds. New growth will be subject to winter injury.

Feed amaryllis in the garden with *Cotton seed meal* , 3 tablespoons per large bulb. Feed potted amaryllis only 1/2 a tablespoon per pot. During the summer, amaryllis should be planted in the ground outside, if possible. When choosing a spot to plant the amaryllis, remember it should be in a partial shade area with a half a day of sun.

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

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with [*Bonide systemic insect control*](#).

Flowers:

Do not buy fall mums in bloom now. They will be gone in two weeks. Mums bloom naturally in September, October, and November. It is okay to buy locally grown, budded, not in bloom, potted, fall mums.

Flowers & Plants:

- It is time to remove hydrangea spent flowers. Do this by removing the spent flowers plus two leaves and leave the rest of the stem. Do not prune French Hydrangeas, only remove the spent flowers.
- Plant ornamental cabbage and kale seed now. Perennials have finished blooming. Cut them back and remove all spent flowers.

Fruiting Plants:

- Feed your hardy Brown Turkey fruiting figs bi-weekly with Fish and Seaweed fertilizer and keep them well watered. The more they grow in August the more figs you will be able to harvest.

Remember to always follow the label instructions on the products.