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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.

If hybrid tea roses look sickly, cut them back to eight inches; remove all leaves, canes, and debris around the plant. Drench canes and soil with lime sulfur and feed plants with Garden [Trust flower and bulb fertilizer](#). They will bloom again in four to six weeks.

- Lycoris (surprise lilies) will be showing off now or blooming soon. The best bloomer is pink. Lycoris bulbs for fall will soon be for sale. Check your favorite garden center for its bulb selection.

Continue to feed your tomatoes weekly with [Monterey Fish and poop fertilizer](#).

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

To kill weeds in the lawn (clover, creeping charlie, spurge, and other non grassy weeds), use [Speed zone](#) now. Apply the *Speed zone* in the next two weeks. *Speed zone* should be applied in the evening. Reseeding with water saver grass seed can be done two weeks after the [Speed zone](#) application.

Crabgrass can be killed with Bonide Crabgrass killer Plus. Reseeding can be done two weeks after the last application of Bonide Crabgrass killer Plus.

Plant rhubarb red swiss chard as an ornamental boarder or as a spinach like green vegetable. It can be harvested every two weeks in September, October, and November.

If you suspect chinch bugs and sod webworms on your lawn, apply [Liquid eight](#) after a rain or irrigation.

Inspect spruces, juniper, and arborvitae for spider mites. If the spider mites are present, use [Bonide systemic insect control](#). Never use insect control drenches for mites.

Yellow nutsedge is everywhere. It can not be controlled with lawn weed killers or crabgrass killer. To kill yellow nutsedge, use [SedgeHammer+](#). Use these product as directed on it's packaging.

If there is not a substantial rain for ten days or more in August, water trees and shrubs.

Evaluate your lawn now to decide which lawn renovation program is right for you.