

Lawn:

- At this time you should inspect your spreader and make sure it is in good working order so that you are prepared to apply grass seed and fertilizer in the next few weeks. If you do not have a spreader or need a new spreader, we recommend that you get an easy to use [Earthway Broadcast spreader](#).
- 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](#) RTF 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 seeded 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.
- Be sure to buy the lawn products and reserve the equipment now for later, when it is time to reseed so that you will not be without the materials that you need.
- If you are not going to over seed, then now would be the time to apply [Dimension](#). The application of Dimension will prevent Poa Annuua (annual blue grass) from taking over the lawn next year. If you have thin areas in your lawn, then use [Turf Trust](#) to help make your existing lawn to thicken up.
- Japanese Beetle grubs are hatching or have hatched in the soil now. Control them with an application of [DYLOX](#).
- 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](#).

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.
- Apply [Bonide Systemic House plant insect control](#) to any potted plants that you plan on bringing indoors this fall.
- Plant ornamental cabbage and kale seed now. Perennials that have finished blooming. Cut them back and remove all spent flowers.
- 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 the roses with [Garden Trust](#) They will bloom again in four to six weeks.
- Do not trim azaleas any more. They have set next years buds. New growth will be subject to winter injury. If you have not fed the azalias this year yet you can feed them now with [cotton seed meal](#).
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Fruiting Plants:

- Feed your hardy Brown Turkey fruiting figs bi-weekly with [Neptune's Harvest fish and seaweed fertilizer](#) and keep them well watered. The more they grow in August the more figs you will be able to harvest.

Pets:

- To help prevent fleas and tick on your pets for the rest of the season, spray areas where the pets congregate with [Summit Mosquito and gnat barrier spray](#) or [Bonide Eight](#).