

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](#) 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 sown 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 this winter. If you have thin areas in your lawn, then use [Turf Trust](#) to help make your existing lawn to thicken up. Gallery can be applied now to prevent winter and spring weeds like chickweed and henbit.
- Japanese Beetle grubs are hatching or have hatched in the soil. Control them with the Bayer Dylox now.
- Spray lawn weeds and crabgrass now if you are following the [60/40 lawn program](#) Don not reseed for three weeks after the last application of Bonide weedbeater plus crabgrass killer. Kill all vegetation now if you are following the [disaster lawn program](#) with Bonide kleen up.

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 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](#).

Fruiting Plants:

- Feed your hardy Brown Turkey fruiting figs bi-weekly with [Dramm Dramatic K](#) and keep them well watered. The more they grow in August the more figs you will be able to harvest.

Mosquitos:

To be mosquito free over the Labor day weekend. Apply [Summit mosquito and gnat barrier](#) spray in the evening or before a party.

Use the [Summit mosquito dunks](#) in ponds, animal troughs, bird baths, old tiers, rain barrels, or anywhere that you have standing water. This will keep the mosquito population down.

- To protect yourself your family and pets from mosquitos, which may be carrying Zika or West Nile Virus, use [Summit Mosquito and Gnat Barrier Spray](#). Make this product's application in the evening. This product should decrease the number of mosquitos present for up to four weeks.

Fall vegetables can be planted now. In the fall vegetable garden there are less insects to deal with.

Tomatoes remove any tomatoes that have a black spot and rot, this is known as blossom end rot on tomatoes. Treat with [Bonide stop rot](#) and next season when planting tomatoes make sure to use [Bonide hydrated lime](#) mixed into the soil.

Peonies and tall Phlox that have whitish spots are infected with mildew apply [Monterey Garden-Phos](#) three times ten days apart and also feed them with [Garden Trust](#) in the future.

Remember to always follow the label instructions on the products.