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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](#) , Nico's Best Kick Start 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 Annua (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 now. Control them with the Bayer Dylox now.

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

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

St Augustine lawns should only use Hi-Yeild Atrazine for weed control.

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Follow the 60/40 lawn program if you have a severe clover and crabgrass issue in your lawn. Use Bonide weedbeater plus crabgrass killer to kill crabgrass. When clover , ground ivy or wild violets are taking over the lawn, spray two times 5 days apart with Hi Yield Turflon-Ester weed killer in the evening after temps cool. Remember do not mow 2 days before of after spraying ,for best results and don't spray if you have rain in the forecast. If you are in a drought area you can delay the start of the lawn renovation.

If you are using the Disaster lawn program kill off all of the vegetation now with Bonide Kleen up.

Remember to always follow the label instructions on the products.

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

#### Flowers & Plants:

- Remove hydrangea spent flowers, do this by removing the spent flowers on re-blooming Hydrangeas, plus two leaves and leave the rest of the stem. Do not prune French Hydrangeas, only remove the spent flowers. Most Hydrangeas were damaged this spring from the late frost and did not bloom well. Now is the best time to feed them again with Garden Trust to help them fully recover.
- German iris' can be divided and replanted in newly fertilized beds now. Iris borers can be manually removed, if present, when tubers are divided.
- Iris beds, that have not been worked over, can be fed with Garden Trust. Also, Iris borers can be dealt with by using [\*Bonide Rose Rx Systemic Drench\*](#)

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 Monterey Liqi-cop 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.

#### Fruiting Plants:

- Feed your hardy Brown Turkey fruiting figs grown in a container bi-weekly with Dramatic K fish and Kelp fertilizer and keep them well watered. The more they grow in August the more figs you will be able to harvest.

#### Trees & Shrubs:

- It is the time to inspect alberta spruce trees for mites again. You will see brown spots starting from the inside of the spruce if mites are present. To inspect for mites, take a 8x10 white piece of paper and shake 1/2 green and 1/2 brown foliage onto the paper. Mites will look very small like pinpricks. To treat this, use Summit year round spray oil.
- Mimosa (silk trees) with webworms can be treated with [\*Bonide eight\*](#). When using Bonide eight, you should apply this product in the evening. Webworms can be prevented for the following year by applying an application of Bonide annual tree and shrub insect control in June.
- Lace flies are overtaking azaleas that are grown in sunny locations. The leaves affected by the lace flies turn silvery and have black dots underneath the leaves. You can control the lace flies by using [\*Bonide Systemic insect control spray\*](#). Do not use drenches now.

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 them with cotton seed meal, feed them now.

#### Mosquitos:

- To protect yourself your family and pets from mosquitos, which may be carrying West Nile or Zika 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. Remember chickens that are free range on your property will also eat mosquitos and ticks.

#### Vegetables:

Continue to feed your tomatoes weekly with Dramatic K Fish and kept fertilizer.

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

- Plant ornamental cabbage and kale seed now. Perennials that have finished blooming, cut them back and remove all spent flowers.

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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.