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#### 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.
- 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 [Plant Trust Flower and Bulb Fertilizer](#). 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.
- Vinca major and pink easy wave petunias endure hot water very well, so you may want make a note for next years plant selection to include these plants if you are in a hot area.

#### Lawn:

- To kill weeds in the lawn (clover, creeping charlie, spurge, and other non grassy weeds), use [Speed Zone](#) now. Apply *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.
- [Clear Choice](#) is the most environmentally friendly lawn weed killer. You can use this product at this time if you have lawn weeds.
- Crabgrass can be killed with [Green Light Liquid Crabgrass Killer Plus](#). Reseeding can be done three weeks after the last application of [Green Light Liquid Crabgrass Killer Plus](#).
- If you suspect chinch bugs and sod webworms on your lawn, apply [Bonide Liquid Eight](#) after a rain or irrigation.
- Grubs are now present in many lawns. Use [Green Light Grub Control with Arena](#) to prevent the grubs from eating the roots of your lawn.
- Yellow nutsedge is everywhere. It cannot be controlled with lawn weed killers or crabgrass killer. To kill yellow nutsedge, use [SedgeHammer/ Halosulfuron](#) and [Turbo Spreader Sticker](#). Use these products as directed on their packaging.
- Annual blue grass can be prevented by applying [Green Light Crabgrass Preventer with Dimension](#) or [Bonide Sedge Ender](#). If either product is applied, then grass seed cannot be planted this fall or next spring.
- Continue using [Kick Start](#) to improve your lawn's root system. It can be used monthly.
- Evaluate your lawn now to decide which lawn renovation program is right for you  
[The new Fall 2012 programs will be posted next weekend.](#)

#### Vegetables:

- 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.
- Climbing burpless cucumbers outperform creeping cucumbers, i.e. "straight eight."
- Cucumbers need lots of water and are heavy feeders. Feed with [Plant Trust Vegetable and Flower Fertilizer](#).
- Continue to feed your tomatoes weekly with [Neptune's Harvest Fish and Seaweed Fertilizer](#).

#### Trees and Shrubs:

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- Inspect spruces, juniper, and arborvitae for spider mites. If the spider mites are present, use [Bonide Systemic Insect Control](#) or [Pure Spray Green](#). Pure Spray Green is the most environmentally safe product. Never use insect control drenches for mites.
- If there is not a substantial rain for ten days or more in August, then water trees and shrubs.
- Emerald ash borers are being found in many regions. You can protect your ash trees by applying [Green Light Emerald Ash Borer Killer](#). This product will cost about \$50-60 per 30-40' ash tree. To make this easy application, that lasts one season, all you have to do is spread the [Green Light Emerald Ash Borer Killer](#) granulars around the base of the ash tree. This product can treat some ash trees that are already infected. It is better to prevent the ash borers than to pay for an expensive professional to come and treat or remove the tree.
- Be sure to feed all your trees this fall with [Plant Trust Tree and Shrub Fertilizer](#).