

Snow:

- Spray [snow casters](#), snow shovels, discharge chutes of snow blowers, and impellers of snowblowers with *Silicone Spray* so that the snow will slide off during its use.

Bulbs:

- Any unplanted flower bulbs that have not been planted should be planted in an outdoor garden as soon as possible.
- Tulips can be planted outside in planters or pots; other flower bulbs need to be planted in the ground.

Shrubs:

Do not prune French Hydrangeas. Only remove spent flowers from them. In early spring you can remove dead canes, and feed the hydrangeas with 4 oz of Garden Trust per plant.

Trees:

- Do not prune crepe myrtles until early spring.

Lawn:

- With a late season [Turf Trust](#) application, in the winter the grass plants will grow a lot of roots and new stolons; additionally, blue grass and [RTF water-saver](#) are making many rhizomes. Therefore, the lawn should be much denser and drought resistant next summer.

End of year lawn care should include checking the lawn's pH with a Luster Leaf [Ph tester](#). The Ph should be between 6.3 - 6.7. If the PH is not in this range, follow instructions given with your pH tester. If the Ph is too low, spreading lime will raise the Ph. If the Ph is too high, spreading iron sulphate will lower the Ph. DO NOT use Aluminum sulfate.

Dormant Over-seeding

- Dormant seeding or over-seeding with [RTF water-saver grass seed](#) can be done once between now and the end of February. Cover the *RTF water-saver grass seed* with *Leaf Grow* or compost.
- Remember this spring, not to use Dimension crabgrass preventer to prevent crabgrass because it will damage the newly germinated grass seed; only [Tupersan](#) can be used to prevent summer crabgrass.
- Make the spring [Turf Trust](#) application on the entire lawn in early spring according to the lawn schedule.

Remove the remaining leaves from the lawn.

- Do not walk on frozen grass because you will end up with dead spots where you had walked. Walking on frozen grass kills the grass blade.

Extra compost can be lightly spread over your lawn to help improve your soil. The thawing and freezing of night frosts will work the organic matter into the soil.

Do not walk on frozen grass wait until after the night frost is gone. Wait until the afternoon to do work in the yard this winter.

Northern Lawns

If last year your lawn suffered from snow-mold, now is the time to apply [Bonide Infuse](#). Make the first application now and repeat in two weeks to prevent snow mold next spring.

After your last mowing winterize your lawn mower. (Consult your owners manual for maintenance procedure) If you do not want to do this yourself, bring your mower to a service shop for this to be done. You can also have a tune up and blade sharpening done at the same time if needed. Your mower will now be ready for next spring. (most service shops will not be busy this time of year, compared to early spring)

Clean lawn spreaders and tools and spray the moving parts with wd-40.

Live Christmas Trees

When you plan to buy a live balled Christmas tree, to be planted in the lawn or garden, select your tree now, at your local nursery. Your best choices for a balled live Christmas tree, is the Norway spruce (Blue Spruce is also O.K to use) If your soil drains slow do not plant a Frasier Fir, they are prone to phytophthora. Have it tagged and keep the tree at the nursery. A few days before Christmas pick up your tree. Only keep your live balled Christmas tree indoors for less than one week. Dig your planting hole now for the tree, incase the soil is frozen after Christmas. Also have sphagnum peat moss and a bag of mulch on hand. The sphagnum peat moss will be mixed with your soil when planting the tree. Make sure to cover the hole so that no one can fall or trip into it. Use fencing or a cover.

The live tree should be planted in a sunny location.

Cut trees should already be set up and in water indoors. The longer they sit at the lots the more they will be dried out and they can become a fire hazard.

Pests

Mice in garages, campers, and sheds can be eliminated with [havoc](#) (havoc will also kill rats). One week later replace the havoc with [Bonide mouse magic](#), to keep new rodents from moving in.

Flowers

Cut Chrysanthemums down to 2-3 inches and mulch with one inch of shredded hardwood bark, to protect the roots from winter damage. Any unplanted Dutch flower bulbs should be planted as soon as possible. Feed new and existing flower bulbs with [Garden Trust](#), if this was not done earlier.

Store your seeds, sprinklers, and pond uv systems in a frost free dry place.

Store your liquid pesticides, fertilizers, and repellents in a frost free place under lock and key out of reach from children. For more information on storing, visit [Debugthemyths.com](#)