

Live Christmas Tree:

- Remember that live balled and burlaped Christmas trees stay indoor no longer than 5-7days, depending on the indoor temperature.
- Cut trees should already be set up and in water indoors because of the warm and dry winter. The longer they sit at the lots the more they will be dried out and a fire hazard.

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 now.
- 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:

- Due to the late season [Turf Trust](#) application, in the winter the grass plants are growing lots 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.
- Make sure the pH of your lawn is 6.2-6.7. If you have not checked your lawn's pH yet, now is the ideal time to do so. Use an [electronic pH tester](#) to test your lawn's pH.

Houseplants:

- Weeping figs infected with scale, tropical hibiscus infected with aphids, and gardenia troubled with mealy bugs can be treated with [Bonide Systemic Houseplant Insect Control](#).
- Indications of scale on weeping figs are: sticky floor or carpet surrounding the plant or brown scabs on leaves and branches.
- [Bonide Systemic Houseplant Insect Control](#) does not work for mites on houseplants. Instead for mites, use [Summit Year Round Spray Oil](#). In severe cases, mites will cause webbing on the houseplants. In milder cases, the leaves will be speckled or yellowish. House plants that are susceptible to mites are: crotons, gardenias, scheffleras, prayer plants, hawaiian tea plants, cast iron plants, and jasmine plants.
- Continue feeding your indoor plants with *Seamate*, especially holiday plants such as Christmas cactus, cyclamen, poinsettias, and orchids.
- Do not over water orchids. Keep orchids on the dry side. Use a Luster Leaf [moisture meter](#) to measure the moisture of the soil deeper in the pot. Most orchids are killed by over watering. When an orchid is finished blooming, do not remove the entire flower stem. Cut the flower stem right below the last spent flower. New flower spikes will develop on the remaining flower stem.

- Amaryllis' flowers that are spent should be cut off. When all the flowers on the stalk are finished, remove the entire stem. A second or third stem should produce more flowers, depending on the bulb (a 3 year-old large bulb will likely have more flower stems). Do not cut the amaryllis leaves. Do not over water the amaryllis. Feed with [Seamate](#) with every watering.

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