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Shrubs and Trees:

- Final pruning of wisteria - prune all lateral vines off of the wisteria plants. You should leave only two buds and the main trunks. This is needed to make the wisteria to bloom later this year.
- To eliminate winter moth caterpillars on small trees and shrubs, spray the eggs with [Summit Year Round Spray Oil](#) when you see the eggs, right before the eggs hatch. If you do not, or previously did not, use *Summit Year Round Spray Oil*, then you can spray the plants with *B.T.* after the winter moth caterpillar eggs hatch - be sure to spray before the worms enter the tree or shrub buds. Timing is important!
- To control winter moth caterpillars on large trees, you will need an expert to come out and treat the trees. We recommend that you call a tree expert.
- If your trees or shrubs have been damage due to ice and snow, you should shape and prune the trees/shrubs after the ice and snow has melted, unless it is an emergency. See the attached [video](#) on how to properly prune tree branches. If you have a large tree, you should consult a tree service. If you are in the Maryland area, we recommend *Lee's tree service* (<http://leestreeservice.net>).
- Trees and shrubs that were damaged by winter moths or weather can be helped by applying an application of *Plant Trust*. An application will give the trees and shrubs the energy needed to grow new foliage and branches. Be sure to keep any damaged plant or tree well watered in the hot summer months to come.

Lawn:

- If salt was used near your lawn, you should apply *granular gypsum* in the area that the salt may have reached the lawn to neutralize the damaging effect of the salt. Make the gypsum application after the snow has melted.
- Apply [Kick Start](#) after the snow has melted and repeat this application two weeks after the first application. This will help the root system regrow new hair roots. When grass plants have no hair roots, the lawn will have difficulty absorbing the nutrients it needs to properly "green up."

Houseplants:

- Palm, cast iron plants, schefflera, Chinese evergreen, citrus, prayer plant, and gardenia are prone to mite infestation. Use *Summit Year Round Spray Oil for House Plants* to control the mites.
- Mealy bugs look like a cottony sticky substance on houseplants, such as Jade, gardenia, philodendron, shefflera, and hoyo. Mealy bugs can be controlled by applying [Bonide Houseplant Insect Control](#).
- Be sure to continue feeding indoor plants with [Seamate](#) every time you water - including orchids. Be careful not to overwater houseplants during the winter. You can check the moisture level of a houseplant by using a [Luster Leaf Moisture Meter](#).