

January 11, 2018

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.
- When Dormant Over-seeding, remember this spring, not to use Crabgrass preventer with Dimension, to prevent crabgrass, because it will damage the newly germinated grass seed; only [Tupersan](#) can be used to prevent summer crabgrass.
- *Bonde weedbeater ultra and Fertilome weed free zone* cannot be used to control broad leaf weeds this spring, until the newly sown baby grass has been mowed twice.
- Make the spring [Turf Trust](#) application on the entire lawn in early spring according to the lawn schedule.
- DO NOT WORK ON THE LAWN WHILE THE LAWN IS FROZEN.

Trees:

Prune “Bleeder” trees (Birch, Dogwood, Japanese and Red, and Sugar maple) as needed. No pruning should be done after late January, in the mid atlantic states, and for northern states late February. After these times the sap starts rising.

Any deciduous trees that were not fed last fall, feed them this spring with Plant Trust.

Tender Evergreens & Trees

Dwarf Nandina, Azalea, Jap. Holly, Chinese Holly, Gardenia, Fall and spring blooming Camellia, Crepe Myrtle, Fruiting fig, and Pomegranate trees.

These trees most likely will have root damage from the winter. As soon as temps allow treat them with an application of Nico’s best Kick Start. In the early spring treat them three times, two weeks apart with Nico’s best Kick Start to help regrow the root hairs.

This spring feed these listed plants with Garden Trust, for this season and Azaleas with Cotton seed meal and a 1/2 application of Garden Trust. Feed them the cotton seed meal again in mid summer.

Cyclamen:

- Remove spent flowers from cyclamen, by gripping the flower stem below the petals. Then twist the stem 90 degrees, and jerk the stem upwards. Feed the cyclamen with *Seamate* with every watering. Keep the plant in a cool, well-lit room. Never let the plant get too dry. This should ensure non-stop blooming until late March.
- The cyclamen can be planted outdoors, out of the pot in mid-April in an area where there is morning sun. After planting, feed the cyclamen with [Plant Trust Flower and Bulb food](#) and continue to keep the plant well watered.

House Plants:

- Keep golden pothos and green philodendron in a warm place indoors. Water these plants with luke warm water, that has had [Seamate](#) added to the water, to prevent the leaves from turning yellow.
- Mealybugs are white cottony like small insects that siphon off life support sugars from house plants, which cause leaves to turn a pale green to yellow before the leaves fall

off. Mealybugs are commonly found on African violets, Chinese evergreens, indoor ivy, Hawaiian schefflera, and indoor citrus plants. Mealybugs leave sticky deposits on plant leaves, pots, trays, floors, and carpets below the plant. Mealybugs can be eliminated with an application of [Bonide Systemic House Plant Insect Control](#).

- Easy to grow houseplants are Golden Pothos , Clivia , Hawaiian Schefflera , Variegated or Green Corn plant, Silver Vase , Chinese Evergreen, and for low light indoor locations use Cast Iron plant.
- For healthier indoor plants, feed them only with Seamate fertilizer every time you water. Do not use soluble houseplant fertilizers and be sure to not over water them.

Keep African Violets, Jade, Chinese evergreen, and Golden Photos away from cold windows during the winter. Also do not overwater these plants. During the cold winter months, when feeding these plants, use a mix of 1/2 tablespoon of seamate and 3 tablespoons of hydrogen peroxide mix, into a qt of room temperature water. Use this mix every time you water.

Wild Life:

- Continue feeding wild birds.
- You can keep your bird bath de-iced by using a [Bird Bath Warmer](#). When using a *Bird Bath Warmer*, NEVER allow the bird bath to run dry because it will damage the bird bath warmer.

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