

January 1, 2021

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

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 [Garden Trust](#) and continue to keep the plant well watered.

House Plants:

- Keep golden photos 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 syphon 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 two applications a week apart of [Summit Year round spray oil indoors](#).
- 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.

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.

Flower Bulbs

Ignore tulips and daffodils that are emerging from the soil. Do not try to mulch or slow them down. The cool weather will do this for you.

Ponds

Install your [pond deicer](#) in your koi or goldfish pond now if you have not done this already. It will get much colder.

Moles

Get rid of moles with [Bonide MoleTox](#). Inject the gel into an active tunnel, or use a [mechanical mole trap](#).