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Flowers:

Some summer flowers that deer will rarely eat include Salvia, Vinca minor, Marigolds, and Geraniums. In the heat of the summer, plants will need more food and water than normal. Feed summer flowers only one time with *Garden Trust* fertilizer after planting. This application will feed them for the entire season.

Do not use [Garden Trust](#) on flowers in small containers or on houseplants. Houseplants summering over outdoors will be fed with Dramatic K fertilizer bi-weekly and house plants that are indoors should be fed with Seamate every time you water with 1/2 tablespoon of [Seamate](#) mixed with one quart of water.

When watering Jasmine, Gardenia, and Citrus plants, add 1 tablespoon of vinegar and 1/2 tablespoon of Seamate to every quart of water.

Outdoor container flowers and plants that are in small containers (14 inch pots or less) should be fed weekly with [Drammatic K](#). These container flowers need to be watered daily in the summer.

Shrubs:

Keep an eye out for bagworms and spider mites. Use Bonide systemic insect control spray to control them.

Vegetables:

Make a light application of [Hi- Yield Calcium Nitrate](#) on tomato plants to prevent blossom end rot. Make this application as soon as you see the plants start to form fruit.

Roses:

Many roses, including Knock Out (or is it Knockout) roses, are suffering from rose slugs. Signs of rose slug infestation include many small holes in the leaves of the rose plant. To eradicate rose slugs, use [Bonide Eight spray](#).

Lawn:

- **Help your lawn fight fungus!**
- Due to the wet spring and cloudy weather, tall fescue lawns may be showing signs of dollar spot or Brown patch disease. Keep your lawn mowed at a height of 2.5 inches. To treat the brown patch or to prevent it make two applications of [kick start](#) two weeks apart. And make sure the lawn was fed with Turf Trust. In severe cases you may use [Ferti-lome F-stop fungicide](#).

Lawns that are developing a pinkish - red spots 1-2 ft across suffer from red-thread disease. To fix this feed them extra with turf trust and make two applications of Kick Start ten days apart and the lawn will out grow the disease. Never water your lawn in the evening during the summer. (Water early morning)

Do not forget to make the monthly Kick Start application if you made a phosphate free lawn fertilizer application or if your grass was sown last fall.

Kick Start naturally helps phosphate become available and makes fertilizer more efficient. Go to Kickstart video to see how kick start has improved grass root systems.

Zoyzia , Bermuda , St Augustine, and other southern lawn grasses, as well as Tall Fescue and Blue Grass lawns, that were not fed (when sown or in the spring?) will need an early summer application of [Turf Trust](#) lawn fertilizer. Zoyzia lawns only need to be fed one time per year if using *Turf Trust*. To strengthen your lawns root system and to help the lawn become more drought resistant, apply [Kick Start](#) to the lawn now.

Zenith Zoysia can be sown now. You can also plant plugs and zoysia sod now.