

June 27, 2017

Mosquito:

- To be free of mosquitos at your party or cookout, apply *Summit Mosquito and Gnat Barrier Spray* in the evening, the day before the event, when mosquitos are most active.
- For last minute mosquito solutions if *Summit Mosquito and Gnat Barrier Spray* was not applied, use *Bonide Mosquito Beater Area Mosquito Repellant*. A 1.3 lbs container will treat up to 4,000 sq. ft..
- Mosquitos can be prevented from breeding on your property by using *Summit Mosquito Dunks*. This is a biological mosquito control. The active ingredient “BT” will kill mosquitos before the mosquito is old enough to bite. Place the *Dunks* in standing water. i.e. flower pots, tree holes, bird baths, rain barrels, roof gutters, old tires, unused swimming pools, and animal watering troughs. *Summit Dunks* can also be used in fish habitats.
- Plant scented geraniums “citronella mosquito plant” in a garden or container near or on a patio or deck to help repel mosquitos. Touch the mosquito citronella plant, and the plant will release a strong, fresh, citronella scent.

Lawn:

- If you did not apply *Bonide Crabgrass Control with Dimension* in the spring, then goose grass and crabgrass will begin to grow on sunny lawns. To stop this, apply *Bonide weedbeater plus crabgrass killer* now, before the goose and crab grass get out of control.
- In areas where poa annua or annual blue grass was present, but died this summer, sow *Water Saver RTF Tall Fescue now*. Cover these seeds with *Leafgro* or sphagnum peat moss after planting. Water daily until germination. Make a half rate application of *Turf Trust* over the entire lawn after sowing. To prevent annual blue grass return, apply *Crabgrass preventer with dimension* in late August over the entire lawn, except in the shade. This fall, do not sow grass seed on this treated lawn, only apply *Turf Trust* as scheduled.
- Remember that a *Kick Start* application on your lawn now can help save money on your water bill because this product will help with your lawn’s root system so that it will need less frequent waterings.
- Do not over water you lawns if you are using a sprinkler system The lawn only needs 1 inch of water every 4-5 days.. Keep your lawns mowed to 3 inches this time of year.
- Nutsedge can be rampant in lawns. Nutsedge is a weed that looks like a grass plant. It grows three times as fast as your lawn grows. It is pale green and grows upright. In order to correct nutsedge, use *Sedgehammer* + . Hand weeding is not recommended because tubers that are left behind will grow into new nutsedge plants.

*When *Bonide Sedge Ender* is used to control nutsedge, you can not reseed the sprayed areas this fall.

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Roses:

- Roses, including re-blooming shrub roses, that were not fed properly will soon develop mildew and black spot. If your rose plants were not fed with [Garden Trust](#) then feed as soon as possible. Repeat this fertilizer application at the end of August. Older, larger plants should be given 5 ozs of *Garden Trust*, but newly planted roses should only be given 3 ozs. Apply the *Garden Trust* around the stem, about 8-10" away from the stem.

Flowers and Vegetables:

- After you are finished planting annual flowers or vegetables, feed them only once with *Garden Trust*. If this fertilizer is used and these plants are planted in a flower or vegetable garden, then biweekly feedings of liquid fertilizer are not needed.
- Vegetable and flowers grown in containers should be fed with *Monterey Fish and poop fertilizer* biweekly.
- Use a [Luster Leaf PH Tester](#) to check the pH on petunias, calibrachoa, hibiscus, and geraniums that are planted in pots, containers, or baskets. If the pH is near 7, use 2 tablespoons of vinegar per quart of water and water every 2 weeks with this mix. Also, feed these plants weekly with [Neptune's Harvest fish and seaweed fertilizer](#).
- Replace your dead or dying annual flowers with Vinca Minor because these plants can withstand the heat and require little water. Be sure to feed these Vinca Minors with [Garden Trust](#) after planting.
- Cut spent flower stocks of off perennials.
- Now is the last chance to prune hardy mum's to promote bushy plant growth and make flowers this fall. Feed now with [Garden Trust](#), 1-2 oz per plant, if not fed in the previous few weeks.
- Bermuda grass in your flower beds or shrubbery can be killed with [Grass Getter](#); before applying make sure your plants are listed as safe to spray on the label.
- Grande flora petunias should be pruned after the 4th of July. Begin by removing 1/3 of the foliage. Then, feed with [Jack's Classic Petunia Feed](#).
- Wave petunias do not need to be pruned; they only need to be fed.
- Dianthus should be deadheaded and fed with [Garden Trust](#). This will help keep them blooming throughout the summer.
- Hollyhocks should be sprayed with [Bonide Mancozeb](#) to prevent rust from overtaking foliage later this month.
- Hanging baskets and potted plants that are outside will need to be watered daily during these hot summer days. If you are leaving town for the up coming holiday weekend, have someone water these plants daily or move them to a shaded area before leaving. If you are going out of town for a week and have no one to water the plants, then water with [Natural Industries Vacation](#). This product will decrease the plants need for water for up to two weeks.
- If your flowers and perennials are properly fed, there is little chance they will develop disease.

- To ensure your hardy mum bloom properly in the fall, do not prune your mums after approximately July 10th.
- When flowers have finished blooming on Trumpet, Tiger, Oriental, and Asian Lilies, cut the only the flower and leave the stem intact with growing leaves. Feed lily plants with Garden Trust. Only cut the stem after the entire lily has turned brown in the fall.

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Vegetable Garden:

- The tomato in a can needs to be watered once or even twice a day when temperatures are 90°F or above. Be sure to feed the tomato in the can with Monterey Fish and Poop Fertilizer every 5 days, the concentration should be 2 tablespoons per gallon of water.