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Shrubs:

- Azaleas can be pruned after flowering and they can be fed with cotton seed meal.

Vegetable garden: Mid atlantic & Northern areas :

- Make sure the soil is warm enough before planting squash, eggplant, peppers, or okra. Air temperatures are always warmer than the soil during the spring.
- After you have planted your vegetable garden or flower garden, be sure to feed your garden with [Garden Trust](#). *Garden Trust* is a controlled release fertilizer that will feed your flowers and vegetable for the rest of the summer season. Use Garden Trust instead of hard to mix liquid fertilizers, which have to have many applications throughout the summer season.
- To prevent weeds in a vegetable garden use [Green it or Monterey weed preventer for gardens](#).
- The best producing cucumbers are burpless cucumbers when grown on a trellis. Cucumbers are heavy feeders. Keep them well fed with [Garden Trust](#) Be sure to grow burpless cumpers in a sunny location where the soil drains well.
- Do not dust cucumbers with insecticide dust because it harms pollinators. Cucumber flowers need to be visited over 200 times by pollinators to be properly pollinated and develop into a healthy cucumber.
- Before planting vegetable or flower gardens mix one 1.5 cuft bag of Soilutions organic soil enhancer with your soil for every 30 sqft of area.

Flowers:

- Holes in rose leaves are caused by rose slugs. Rose slugs are small, green, slug like worms and are found on the under side of rose leaves. Existing rose slugs can be eliminated by applying *Liquid Seven*. Prevent rose slugs with an application of [Bonide Rose Rx Drench](#).
- Plant your blue wave petunias now, so long as it is after the last frost date in your area. This type of petunia is the easiest to grow, is very weather resistant, and does not require pinching or deadheading. Do not use the purple wave petunia because this type of plant is prone to root rot.

Trees:

Hemlocks infested with Woolly Adelgid can be treated with Bonide Annual tree and shrub insect control or Monterey once a year insect control to eliminate this pest. Also make sure to feed them with plant trust. Small Hemlocks can be sprayed with Summit year- round spray oil to eradicate the Woolly Adelgid.

Insects:

The insects with red eyes that you see near the ground are periodical cicadas, they emerge from the soil and they only live in the Eastern North America.

Some of the 17 year periodical cicadas, can have up to 1.5 million insects per acre in some areas. The periodical cicadas are only present for 4-6 weeks. The females will

lay eggs in the bark of the trees. After 6-10 weeks they hatch and the nymphs drop to the ground and they will feed on plant roots, sucking juices from the plant roots for 13-17 years after that they emerge and turn into cicadas.