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Vegetable garden:

- 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.
- 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* controlled release fertilizer 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.
- A new product that prevents weeds in the vegetable garden while it naturally feeds the plants is called *Sweet Peet*. For more information on this product go to: www.sweetpeet.com

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Lawn:

- It is not too late to turn a weedy lawn into a nice lawn. Apply [Turf Trust](#) and [SpeedZone Broad Leaf Lawn Weed Killer](#) at the same time. Two weeks and one rain later, your lawn should be weed free and beautifully green.
- If [Lebanon Turpersan 4.6G Crabgrass preventer](#) was used earlier this spring, do not forget to make the second application, which should be done 30 days after the first application.
- If you have fed your lawn with a phosphate free lawn fertilizer, then you should make a monthly application of [Kick Start](#). *Kick Start* will help make natural phosphate available to your grass plants.

Flowers:

- Holes in rose leaves are caused by rose slugs. Rose slugs are small, green, slug like worms and are found on under 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.
- Be sure to feed your petunias with [Jack's Classic Petunia Feed](#).
- For a drought resistant garden use *Lantana*.
- For deep shade, dry locations plant *Tuberous Begonia*. Mix fresh Baccto Peat moss as a soil conditioner before planting this plant.