

May 6, 2017

#### Lawn

- Keep mowing your [RTF Tall Fescue](#) at 3.5-4". This is the same height that it should have been mowed during the spring. Be sure to keep the mower blade sharp. There have been calls regarding brown patches in lawns. The most common cause for this is fungus. Fungus will occur because lawns were not mowed for 10-14 days and the grass had remained wet from rain. Be sure to mow at least once a week. Do not rely on lawn fungicides to treat your lawn for the brown spots because the fungicide will kill both good and bad fungi. The good fungi is needed because they prey on brown patch and dollar spot fungus. To treat, make a half application of [Turf Trust](#) now, and an application of Kick Start 2 weeks apart and within a few weeks the brown spots will go away. The C.D.U. and ammonium sulfate in Turf Trust and Bio-stimulants in Kick Start will naturally help eradicate the dollar spot and brown patch fungus. However, if your lawn was over seeded last fall and too much seed was used per square foot, then the brown patches cannot repair themselves, and these areas will need to be reseeded with less seed in the fall.
- Never water your lawn in the evening during the summer.
- 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.

#### Trees:

- Borers (including ash borer, emerald ash borer, azalea stem borer, brown birch borer, dogwood borer, lilac borer, mottled willow borer, peach tree borer, rhododendron stem borer, rose flatheaded borer, chestnut borer, and longhorn beetle borer) can be controlled by applying [Bonide Annual tree and shrub insect control](#). The best time to apply is one month before the borer normally would infest the tree or shrub or as soon as a borers presence is suspected.
- Taxus weevils found in yews can be treated with [Bonide Annual tree and shrub insect control](#). Treat in June before adults are active.

#### Maple and Sycamore Trees:

- Maple and sycamore trees that are suffering from dying leaves likely have anthracnose. Treat by applying [Copper Fungicide](#) at bud break. Repeat at 7-10 day intervals during the spring.
- When you have a history of anthracnose in these trees, then make an application of [Copper Fungicide](#) at bud break and repeat at 7-10 day intervals twice to decrease the likelihood of future infections.
- Make sure these trees are fed with [Garden Trust](#). When the weather gets warmer and dryer, these trees will have more energy to regrow new shoots and leaves.

#### 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 Repellent](#). 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.

#### 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 feed them with this as soon as possible. Repeat this fertilizer application at the end of August. Older, larger plants should be given 5 oz of *Garden Trust*, but newly planted roses should only be given 3 oz. Apply the *Garden Trust* around the stem, but 8-10” away from the stem.
- Rose slugs can be prevented with an application of Bonide Rose RX every six weeks in the summer and early fall.

#### 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 + Poop Fertilizer* biweekly.
- 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.
- To prevent weeds in your Vegetable and Flower beds mulch the flower or vegetable gardens with Sweet Peet.