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Shrubs:

Check the Ph on evergreens and shrubs that like a high Ph (Arborvitae, Yew, Boxwood, Lilac, Privet, Ligustrum, and Peony) use [an electronic Ph tester](#) to test the ph. If the Ph needs to be increased, use [Bonide Hydrated Lime](#).

Remember that Fall is the best time for planting. Visit your garden center. There is a good selection of plants and they are priced to move. When planting these new plants water them in with [Kick Start](#) to help establish a quick root system. Don't forget to feed your deciduous trees and shrubs with [Plant Trust](#) now.

Plants

Banana plants that have been damaged by night frost can be cut back, then dug up and potted, so that they can be taken indoors for the winter. Keep the banana plants soil on the dry side, while indoors and feed them with [seamate](#) when watering once a month.

If you have Musa Basjoo Banana plants, it is safe to keep them planted outside in zone 6 and up. Mulch them with 4 inches of hardwood mulch. And they will come back next spring, if they are planted in full sun.

Frozen foliage from, Caladium, Canna lilies, Elephant ear, Dahlias, and Tuberose should be cut away and tubers will be dug up and air dried. Store the Caladium and Elephant ear tubers in a warm dry indoor place. Dahlia , Tuberose, and Canna lilies are stored in a much cooler but frost free place (40-50 degrees).

Cover the tubers with dry sphagnum peat moss or vermiculite.

Trees:

- Remember deciduous trees and shrubs that drop their leaves in the fall should be fed with [Plant Trust Professional Tree and Shrub Fertilizer](#) one time in October/November, preferably as soon as possible. For pear trees, use 1/2 ounce of *Plant Trust* for every foot of the height of the tree. For apple trees, use 1 ounce of *Plant Trust* for every foot of the height of the tree. For the remaining fruit , shade, flowering trees, and shrubs use 2 ounces of *Plant Trust* for every foot of the height of the plants. Remember these trees and shrubs only need to be fed *Plant Trust* one time a year.

Perennials:

If your perennials are over crowded now is the time to divide them after cutting them back for the season. Extra plants can be given away or planted in a new bed. After transplanting them be sure to use [Gallery broadleaf weed preventer](#), before you mulch the area with Sweet Peet to prevent weeds (Chickweed , Henbit, and Shepard Spurge) And always remember to feed your perennials now with [Garden Trust](#). Delphinium and Foxglove seed stalks can be cut into smaller pieces and can be spread onto a new growing area (Cover them lightly with compost). Next spring this should produce many new Delphinium and Foxglove plants.

Flowers:

Make sure you have Tulips, Daffodils , and Crocus handy after the first frost, it will be time to replace the summer flowers with these bulbs. If you want instant color you can plant Violas / Pansies over top of the newly planted Dutch flower bulbs, but make sure the bulbs are planted deep enough (3-5 inches) After planting the Violas / Pansies apply [Garden Trust](#), It will last long enough to feed the plants from fall and throughout

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Spring. Plant Fritillaria bulbs to repel moles and mice in your bulb beds. Be sure to use [Bonide Mouse magic](#) now to keep mice out of your garage , camper, boat, and sheds.

Lawns:

Lawns that have not been fed with [Turf Trust](#), feed as soon as possible (warm season grasses are fed in early summer and not now). Grass that has not been fed will have a higher chance of being overtaken by weeds. Do not use any starter or winterizers with high Phosphate numbers (middle number) Young grass that was planted this fall and has been mowed at least twice can be sprayed Weedbeater ultra or Fertilome Weedfree Zone, to kill any broadleaf weeds that are growing in them (spray when day temps are 55 or above for three days). To prevent there return you can apply [Gallery](#) at the same time. Leaves continue to drop onto the lawns, keep up with them and remove them as needed by blowing or raking them. Apply [Kick Start](#) now, to newly seeded lawns. Lawns that are in warmer states should still be mowed as needed.

Vegetables

Gardeners that had gardens in full sun and had no luck with root crops like turnips , beats, or potatoes and that grew large tomato plants that produced few tomatoes. Those gardeners may have used fertilizer with too much nitrogen. DO NOT ADD any more organic soil conditioners to your garden next season. The soil already contains to much nitrogen. You will only check the ph with a [ph tester](#). And adjust the PH as needed. Use Garden Trust when planting new crops in the spring. Vegetable gardens will be sown with winter grain rye, after the beds have been cleaned, the rye will be a cover crop.

House Plants:

- Scale on potted palms and weeping figs can easily be controlled by using [Bonide Systemic House Plant Insect Control](#). Also, use *Seamate* every time you water these house plants. Keep these plants in an indoor location that is well lit during the winter. Keep the soil slightly dry. Use an [electronic moisture meter](#) to determine when to water these plants. If you do not use a moisture meter, you will probably over water the plants. Watering needs to be done based on the moisture near the roots. The moisture at the top of the soil is a poor indicator of the root moisture.
- Continue to feed holiday cactus with *Seamate* every time you water. Keep holiday cactus in a well lit cooler location. They need to be 5-7 nights in temps between 50-55 degrees to bloom this season.
- Tropical hibiscus can now be moved indoors. Do not wait for the first frost to bring these plants inside. If you want this plant to continue to bloom, then keep them in a bright sunny location . Remember to use *Seamate* every time you water.

House plants that are susceptible to mites (Ivy, Prayer Plant, Croton , and Schefflera) Treat them with [Summit year-round spray oil for houseplants now](#), before they show signs of an infestation.

Indoor Plants: Gardenia , Jasmine , and potted citrus plants, make sure to add 1 tablespoon of vinegar in a quart of water with seamate every time you water.

Insects

To boost your lawns root system, of your blue grass or tall fescue lawn apply Turf Trust and Kick Start now. [roozensonline.com](#) has the Turf Trust packages onsale now.