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Trees

Prune and remove vines, english ivy, poison ivy, and wild grapes from tree trunks now.

Shrubs

In Northern regions protect your broadleaf evergreens (boxwood, azalea, holly, and rhododendrons) from winter damage, by applying [wintershield](#). Remember if your deciduous shrubs were not fed this fall with plant trust, it is not too late to feed them with [plant trust](#).

Arborvitae , Boxwoods , and Holly's, to protect them from snow damage tie them up with Stretch tie. Tie them up the same way as a cut Christmas tree is tied up. Hydrangeas that did not bloom or bloomed poorly this season because of winter damage. Do not prune French Hydrangeas. French hydrangeas are fed in early spring with Garden Trust.

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

Control ants, fleas, ticks, and stink bugs indoors with [summit Permicide P-1 \(Called bed bug killer\)](#)

House plants

Cyclamen need to be kept in a sunny and cool location to keep them blooming throughout the winter. Feed them with [seamate](#) every time you water them and keep the cyclamen slightly moist. Holiday Cactus should be kept as cool as possible to keep them blooming longer, feed them also with seamate with every watering. But keep the Christmas and Thanksgiving cactus on the dry side. Norfolk island pine, used as an indoor Christmas tree, needs to be kept in a sunny and cool location and keep the soil somewhat dry. Feed the Norfolk island pine with [seamate](#) every time you water.

For a Dutch Amaryllis to bloom at Christmas, go now to your local garden center and buy a 24/26 cm. size dormant Amaryllis bulb. Next week from now pot them in a 7 inch pot. [Video Instructions](#)

Lawn

Wild onions and garlic in zoysia lawns, will be ignored for now. We will take care of them next spring, with Speedzone or Bonide weedbeater ultra RTU without damaging the zoysia grass. If you have not given the Blue grass or Tall Fescue lawn its November [Turf Trust](#) application then feed the lawn now with [turf trust](#), to help them grow stronger roots, so that they will be more disease and drought resistant next summer. (November is the most important feeding)

Lawns that were renovated and sown in September and the young grass is mowed 2x can be treated with Speedzone or Monterey Spurge power(repeat spray a second time five days later for Ground ivy and wild violets) When spraying there should be no rain in the forecast for 24 hours and day time temperatures should be 55 degrees or above for a few days.

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Poinsettias are kept slightly moist and feed with [seamate](#) every time you water them to keep them healthy. Never let the soil of the Poinsettia get dry or let them have water standing in the saucer. Poinsettias like the soil to be slightly moist. Water the Poinsettias every 3-4 days lightly, depending on how warm your house is. (hot and sunny needs more water and cool and dim light will need less)

Flowers

Continue planting Tulips, Daffodils , Hyacinths and other minor spring bulbs, after annual flowers have frozen. If you have no garden space plant a few paper white narcissus in a container, use 3-5 bulbs per pot. Keep the newly potted paper whites cool (35-45 degrees) for 3-4 days. After the cooling, place them in a warm and well lit place indoors, your paper whites will bloom within 14 days with a good root system.

For the gardener in your family an ideal holiday gift will be the [Earthway 2100p broadcast lawn spreader](#).