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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.

Lawns:

Lawns that have not been fed with [Turf Trust](#), feed as soon as possible. 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 with [Speedzone](#) 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 use a [leaf loader](#) for easy leaf removal. Apply [Kick Start](#) now to newly seeded lawns.

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.

Shrubs

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

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

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the plant because the 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 in 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

For a Dutch Amaryllis to bloom at Christmas, go now to you 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](#)