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Shrubs:

Check the Ph on evergreens and shrubs that like a high Ph (Arborvitae, Yew, Boxwood, Lilac, Privet, 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 you deciduous trees and shrubs with [Plant Trust](#) now.

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 to prevent weeds (Chickweed , Henbit, and Shepard Spurge) And always remember to feed your perennials now with [Garden Trust](#). 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 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 r 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 their 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.

House Plants:

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

Poinsettias :

Look for Poinsettia plants at your local garden centers. Choose plants that are being kept in a green house at proper temperature. Do not buy Poinsettias that are in sleeves, They will drop leaves soon. Keep you Poinsettias in a bright place out of drafty areas like vents. Keep them slightly moist and when you water them feed them with seamate.

Monarch Butterflies:

Due to the declining populations of Monarch Butterflies you can now help them by planting milk weed plants and or seeds. For milkweed plugs go to [Monarchwatch.org](#). Seeds are also available for homeowners that would like to have small projects to help Monarchs. Common milkweed and swamp milkweed can be grown in most U. S states.

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Showy milkweed can be grown in the Western states and central states. whorled milkweed is not recommended for people that have pets.