

November 21, 2014

### Vegetables

Gardeners that had no luck with root crops like turnips , beets, or potatoes and that grew large tomato plants that produced few tomatoes, those gardeners DO NOT ADD any more organic soil conditioners to your garden. The soil already contains too much nitrogen. You will only check the pH with a [pH tester](#). And adjust the PH as needed. These gardeners will not use any fertilizer containing nitrogen, only feed with phosphate as plant food, when planting in the spring. They use 1/2 lb of Bonide triple super phosphate per 100 sqft, when the plants are root or fruiting crops. When planting greens, they use only 4oz of Bonide triple super phosphate per 100 sqft. Vegetable gardens will be sown with winter grain rye after the beds have been cleaned, the rye will be used as a cover crop.

### Lawn

Keep removing the falling leaves from your lawn.

In northern states make the last cut on your blue grass lawn at 2 inches and for tall fescue cut to 2.5 inches this will help prevent "snow mold". If you did not make the November Turf Trust application do so now if permitted in your local area. With this feeding all of the energy goes to the roots and crown. This means that the roots will grow all winter long if you have cool weather grasses. If your lawn was damaged last year by snow mold buy [Bonide infuse](#) now, so that you will have it on hand, to be applied in December to prevent any snow mold this season.

- Do not walk on frozen grass because you will end up with dead spots where you had walked. Walking on frozen grass kills the grass blade.

### Flowers

Continue planting Tulips, Daffodils , Hyacinthus and other minor spring bulbs, after annual flowers have frozen. If you have no garden space plant a few paper white narcissus. 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 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](#)

### Christmas Trees

Cut Christmas trees must be alive and freshly harvested. A fresh cut must be made right before the tree is set up inside, on a stand with a water reservoir. The first water you give the tree needs to be slightly warm and mixed with [prolong](#). Never let the tree run out of water! When it runs out of water indoors it will be dead within hours and can become a fire hazard.

### Roses:

- Mound soil or old mulch around rose stems or canes to a depth of 8" to help prevent heavy frost from killing your roses

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