

November 30 , 2017

Lawn cool season lawns. Tall Fescue / Blue grass lawns

End of year lawn care should include checking the lawn's pH with a Luster Leaf [Ph tester](#). The Ph should be between 6.3 - 6.7. If the PH is not in this range, follow instructions given with your pH tester. If the Ph is to low, spreading lime ([Bonide Turbo lime](#) will cover up to 5,000 sqft ) will raise the Ph. If the Ph is to high, spreading iron sulphate will lower the Ph. DO NOT use Aluminum sulfate.

Remove the remaining leaves from the lawn.

Extra compost can be lightly spread over your lawn to help improve your soil. The thawing and freezing of night frosts will work the organic matter into the soil.

Do not walk on frozen grass wait until after the night frost is gone. Wait until the afternoon to do work in the yard this winter.

Prevent road salt damage near the road and driveway with an application of granular [Gypsum](#).

If last year your lawn suffered from snow-mold, now is the time to apply [Bonide Infuse](#). Make the first application now and repeat in two weeks to prevent snow mold next spring.

Southern lawns ( zoysia , st augustine and bermuda grass)

Are renovated in early summer and also fed in the summer.

All Lawns:

Areas in your lawn with poor drainage can be aerated and [Ditomite](#) can be spread after aeration, to help with the drainage. Use one 25 lb bag of Ditomite for every 500 sqft and repeat this process for several years.

Remove leaves from your lawn and gutters as needed.

Christmas Trees

Buy your cut Christmas tree ASAP because the cut trees on tree lots are dehydrating, if they are not in water. After buying a cut tree, make a fresh cut to the bottom, set the tree up into the tree stand with water, and never let the tree run out of water. Make sure to add [prolong](#) to the water to help keep your tree greener longer.

Home

Winterize all outdoor faucets. Shut them off inside and make sure the pipes are drained. Winterize sprinkler systems. Make sure the pipes and valves are drained. Clean gutters and down spouts from fallen leaves.

If you have a pond, install a [pond heater](#) for the winter months. Also, remove, drain, and store the U.V. system in a frost free area.

[Bird Bath heaters](#) can be installed in bird baths now.

Pests

Mice in garages, campers, and sheds can be eliminated with [havoc](#) (havoc will also kill rats). One week later replace the havoc with [Bonide mouse magic](#), to keep new rodents from moving in.

#### Perennials

Cut Chrysanthemums down to 2-3 inches and mulch with one inch of shredded hardwood bark, to protect the roots from winter damage. Any unplanted Dutch flower bulbs should be planted as soon as possible. Feed new and existing flower bulbs with [Garden Trust](#), if this was not done earlier.

#### Flowers

South of New York: Winter pansies can replace frozen annuals they can produce flowers all winter and into spring, when planted in full sun. For best results feed the pansies with Garden Trust right after planting them.

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

#### Indoor Plants

Gardenia , Jasmine , and potted citrus plants. Make sure to add 1 tablespoons of vinegar in a quart of water and water them. Do this once a month. And feed them with Seamate with every watering. Feed all other houseplant with just Seamate, each time you water.

A recommendation for small areas and low maintenance, we recommend using succulents.

#### Insects

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

Store your liquid pesticides, fertilizers, and repellents in a frost free place under lock and key out of reach from children. For more information on storing, visit [www.pestfacts.org](#).