

November 4, 2012

Lawn:

- The November [Turf Trust](#) application is the most important lawn feeding of the year.
- Lawns fed with [Turf Trust](#) in the late fall may be more disease and drought resistant in the summer.
- It is important that [Turf Trust](#) is applied at the right time. It should be applied after the last mowing while the grass is still healthy and green & well before the lawn goes dormant.
- Grass is still carrying on photosynthesis (making sugar) at this time. Because the grass is not growing on the top, energy is directed to make more roots, crowns, rhizomes, and stolons. Energy not use will be stored for the “early spring green-up.”
- You should apply the last application of [Turf Trust](#) according to region:
 - Northern states- apply now
 - Mid-Atlantic states- apply in mid to late November
 - South of Richmond-apply in December
- If you are north of Richmond, stop sowing grass seed in shady areas because it is too late in the season and because fallen leaves can be a problem; wait until spring to take care of those areas.
- In the Mid-Atlantic region, there are still two weeks to sow [Water Saver RTF Tall Fescue](#) (no more blue grass). If you sow these RTF seeds, be sure to apply [Turf Trust](#) the same day. Newly sown tall fescue will germinate this fall, but not grow tall enough to be mowed this season.
- Last chance to apply [Kick Start](#) to your lawn and newly planted plants because it will soon be too cold to be effective. [Kick Start](#) will help root systems grow better.
- In the next ten days, you can still apply [Speed Zone](#) to kill broad leaf lawn weeds (day temperatures should average 55°F for 4-5 days). Apply [Greenlight Portrait](#) to prevent the weeds' return.

Remove the leaves from the lawn.

Trees:

- Remove all broken and damaged branches and stems from the trees and shrubs that have been damaged by the wet snow.
- Damaged evergreens can be lightly pruned and shaped at this time. Final pruning can be made in the spring.
- Feed all deciduous trees and shrubs with [Plant Trust](#) now, regardless if they were damaged. However, evergreens should not be fed until the spring.

Bugs:

- Boxelder bugs, pill bugs, stinkbugs, and crickets that are trying to enter your home can be controlled by using [Bonide eight](#). Spray a 4-6' barrier around your home and garage.
- To get rid of insects that have infested your firewood, wrap the firewood with a tarp or use plastic, add [Moth Crystals](#), and then close the wrapping. After two weeks, the insects should be eliminated.

Perennials:

- Clean German iris beds if they have not yet been cleaned. German iris' debris harbors iris borer eggs. Clean German iris' beds will have less borer damage.

To keep mice out of your garage, shed, Rv, or basement use [mouse magic](#) as a repellent.