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Lawn:

If you have a contractor overseed your lawn check the white seed label BEFORE application, to make sure that they are not using a rye seed in the mix. Rye does not survive the summer, it germinates fast then dies as soon as temps get hot. Lawns in the south can be overseeded with rye grass, to keep the lawn green for the winter.

- The Late Fall [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 used will be stored for the “early spring green-up.”
- You should apply the last application of [Turf Trust](#) according to region:
- Japanese stilt grass can be killed by applying [Bayer Bermuda Grass Control](#) without harming your lawn. Japanese stilt grass and crabgrass can be prevented by applying a spring application of Bonide Dimension.
- Winter/spring weeds (henbit, shepard spurge, and chickweed) in the lawn have now germinated. If you have not seeded, apply Bonide Weedbeater Ultra now. If you have Ground ivy, Wild Violets, or excessive clover in your lawn use Hi-Yeild Triclopyr- Ester weedkiller.
- Do not allow baby grass to grow too tall. Mow existing and new grass as needed. Cut the grass to make it 1/3 shorter. The mowing height currently should be about 2 1/2-3”. Make sure your lawn mower blades are sharp. Dull blades hurt young grass plants. Now is a great time to replace the lawn mower’s blades.
- Continue to mow your grass without bagging the clippings. The soil temperature is still warm enough for the cut grass to decay and turn into nourishment for your lawn.
- Skunks are destroying lawns now, looking for white grubs. The only useful method this time of year to kill white grubs is to apply Dylox and be sure to water it in after application.
- Southern lawns (zoysia , st augustine and bermuda grass) are renovated in early summer and not in the fall.
- Lawn weeds in southern lawns can be controlled in fall or early spring.
- Do not use Hi-Yeild Triclopyr- Ester on bermuda grass lawns, use weedbeater ultra.
- Do not use Weedbeater ultra on st augustine lawns, use Hi-Yeild Atrazine.
- Note: Always read labeled instructions.
- Remember for tall fescue lawns, fall is the best time to do lawn renovations. It is not too late to seed tall fescue. (Water Saver)

Trees:

- 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 deciduous 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.
- White pine trees that are over 15 feet and look dull are probably dying because of overwatering from the excessive rain, non-draining clay soils, or sprinkling systems.

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These trees are at risk for secondary infections such as pine tree borers or nematodes. If you are seeing holes in the trunk of the tree, it is likely that the tree is infected with pine tree borers. You will not see the damage from the nematodes because they work below the ground damaging the tree's root system.

- Arborvitae, pines, and cypress that show yellowing of the inner needles/foliage do not need to be treated, if the yellowing is less than 50%. This is normal and these yellow needles/foliage will drop. If the yellowing is more than 50%, it is an indication that the plant has not grown enough, because it was under fed. Feed all evergreens in early spring with [Plant Trust Professional Tree and Shrub Fertilizer](#).
- *When evergreen shrubs or trees show excessive yellowing, Treat them two times with Nico's Best Kick Start ten days apart. (If the yellowing is not caused by fungus)*

Bugs:

- Boxelder bugs, pill bugs, stinkbugs, and crickets that are trying to enter your home can be controlled by using [Bonide eight](#) or Summit mosquito and gnat barrier spray. Spray a 4-6' barrier around your home and garage.

Flowers:

- Ornamental cabbage and kale can replace tired summer flowers. The nights are cool enough to force these ornamental plants to start changing their color.
- After first frost, dig up elephant's ears and caladium bulbs and store these bulbs in a dry, paper box or bag, in a warm place (65-70°F). Do not store these bulbs in plastic bags.
- Bring gardenia and citrus plants indoors, After you have sprayed them with Summit year round spray oil for houseplants and before it gets too cold. Keep the gardenias' soil slightly moist, and keep the citrus plants' soil on the dry side. Use [Seamate](#) every time you water and use vinegar (1tablespoon per quart of water mixed with the [Seamate](#)) every fourth watering. Keep both of these plants in a well lit location.
- Tulips and other Dutch flower bulbs can be planted now. After planting the bulbs, feed them with Garden Trust. (Do not use bonemeal for spring flower bulbs)

To keep Mice and Voles from eating your Tulips plant Fritillaria bulbs. 1 for every 100 Tulips in the bed.

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

Shrubs:

Camellia and Holly's showing black powder on their leaves are infested with camellia scale. Apply [Bonide Annual tree and shrub insect control](#) or spray them with [Summit Year-Round spray oil](#). This is the second brood of camellia scale for the season.

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