

Deer:

- Oak trees yielded a large crop of acorns this Fall. Deer depend on acorns as their main food source. If you rake up the acorns, the acorn shortage will cause the deer to look for an alternative food source. They will most likely choose your plants to be that food source. If you want to feed the deer make a pile of the acorns AWAY from any desired plants you have.

Broadleaf Evergreens

- In late fall, protect broadleaf evergreens against winter burn with [Rockland winter shield](#). Apply WinterShield on a day when the weather is dry and daytime temps will be over 40 degrees.

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 or use high nitrogen liquid fertilizers. The soil already contains too much nitrogen. You will need to check the pH with a [pH tester](#). And adjust the PH as needed. Feed your vegetable garden with Garden Trust. Vegetable gardens will be sown with winter grain rye after the beds have been cleaned, the rye will be used as a cover crop.

House Plants:

- Scale on potted palms and weeping figs can easily be controlled by using [Bonide Systemic House Plant Insect Control](#). Also, use *Seamate* every time you water these house plants. Keep these plants in an indoor location that is well lit during the winter. Keep the soil slightly dry. Use an [electronic moisture meter](#) to determine when to water these plants. If you do not use a moisture meter, you will probably over water the plant, because the watering needs to be done based on the moisture near the roots. The moisture at the top of the soil is a poor indicator of the root moisture.
- Continue to feed holiday cactus with *Seamate* every time you water. Keep holiday cactus in a well lit cooler location. They require to be in 5-7 nights of temps between 50-55 degrees to bloom this season.
- Tropical hibiscus can now be moved indoors. Do not wait for the first frost to bring these plants inside. If you want this plant to continue to bloom, then keep them in a bright sunny location. Remember to use [Seamate](#) every time you water.

Lawn:

- Wild garlic and onions emerging in your lawn can be eliminated by applying [Bonide weedbeater Ultra](#); this product will not harm your grass.
- Do not let young grass grow too tall. When the young grass reaches 4" in height, cut the grass to be 1/3 shorter.
- Do not worry about weeds that are growing up in your newly seeded lawn. Wait until after the second mowing, to eradicate the weeds. At that time you can use Bonide weedbeater Ultra.
- If you have not yet made an application of [Kick Start](#) on your young grass, do so now to maximize the new grass's root development. Don't forget to repeat an application of Kick Start ten days later.
- Keep removing the excess leaves from the lawn.

Shrubs:

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In Northern regions protect your broadleaf evergreens (boxwood, azalea, holly, and rhododendrons) from winter damage, by applying [wintershield](#). Remember if your deciduous shrubs were not fed this fall with plant trust, it is not too late to feed them with [plant trust](#).

Arborvitae , Boxwoods , and Holly's, to protect them from snow damage tie them up with Stretch tie. Tie them up the same way as a cut Christmas tree is tied up.

Reminder most fall blooming Encore Azaleas are only hardy up to zone 7.

Check the Ph on evergreens and shrubs that like a high Ph (Arborvitae, Yew, Boxwood, Lilac, Privet, Ligustrum, 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 your 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 with Sweet Peet (Chickweed , Henbit, and Shepard Spurge). And always remember to feed your perennials now with [Garden Trust](#). Delphinium and 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 Delphinium and Foxglove plants.

Flowers:

Make sure you have Tulips, Daffodils , and Crocus handy after the first frost, it will be time to replace the summer flowers with these bulbs. If you want instant color you can plant Violas / Pansies over top of the newly planted Dutch flower bulbs, but make sure the bulbs are planted deep enough (3-5 inches) After planting the Violas / Pansies apply [Garden Trust](#), It will last long enough to feed the plants from fall and throughout Spring. Plant Fritillaria bulbs to repel moles and mice in your bulb beds.

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. A week from now, pot them in a 7 inch pot.

[Video Instructions](#)

Remember to always follow the labeled instructions when using any pesticide. For more information visit [PestFacts.org](#)

For the gardener in your family an ideal holiday gift will be the [Earthway 2100p broadcast lawn spreader](#).