

# Nottingham Country Garden Club

Newsletter

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## Lawn Recovery

Many people in our area are dealing with stressed yards. Plants for All Seasons in Tom-ball recommends this treatment:

\*Use a broadcast spreader to apply Microlife's Humates Plus 0-0-4 at a #3-4 setting.

When applied it quickly opens up the soil and the super nutrients drop into the root zone. There it builds bigger root systems and increases soil organic matter. Water infiltration and oxygen flow is increased all to the plant's benefit. Plants get a major nutritional boost by the inclusion of 70+ minerals, plant hormones, plant stimulators, vitamins, and amino acids.

\*Next apply Microlife's Hybrid at a #5 setting. Hybrid provides a rich amount of Humates, minerals, nutrients, vitamins, protein, carbon that will feed the indigenous microbes and add billions more microbes to the soil.

\*Third, apply a mixture of Medina's Soil Activator and Molasses (1/2 gallon water, 1 qt. soil, and 1 qt molasses) to the yard.

\*Fourth, water this mixture into the soil.

Don't forget to sprinkle the Humates Plus and Hybrid into the flower beds to rejuvenate the shrubs.



## Mulch

Did you know that pine needles are an excellent mulch for your flower beds and trees? Rake them into your flower beds and around the base of trees for a rich mulch.

## Pruning

Fall is a good time to prune trees, shrubs, and other vegetation.

### ♦ Why Prune?

Don't prune trees or shrubs if you don't have a reason to prune.

### ♦ When?

Fall is a good time as well as very early spring.

### ♦ How?

\*Use a pair of sharp bypass pruners to obtain a clean, sharp cut.

\*Cut stems back to just above a big bud or set of buds.

\*Try to avoid cutting a stem where you can't see a bud.

\*Make prune cuts as small as possible by cutting straight across not at an angle.

\*Try to remove about one third of the plant. Or cut back the entire plant to the same length.

\*Remove the entire stem to encourage new, strong growth.

\*Look for stems that are crossing and rubbing, which may injure the plant.

## Container Gardening

As fall approaches, it's time to remove the spent spring flowers from containers and replace them with fall/winter annuals.

Don't forget the thriller, filler and spiller guidelines for container planting. Select a thriller plant that serves as the focal point. The filler plants will fill in between the thriller and spiller. The spiller plant should be a trailing plant that "spills" over the edge of the container. The thriller is a single plant selection and the others should be odd numbers of plants.