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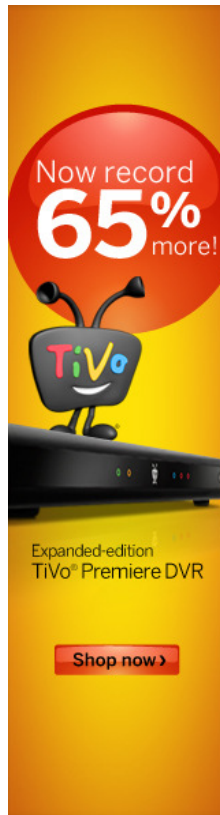
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9. Check the soil acidity of all [home](#) lawns; adjust the pH if needed.
10. Lawns with brown blades can be raked or left to outgrow the damaged portions.
11. Complete the first feeding of the new year with a lawn fertilizer.
12. Starter fertilizers can be used with new lawns to supply some phosphorus for root growth.
13. It's too late to control crabgrass from seed; dig out and resod these areas.
14. Chinch bug controls are often needed at this time for St. Augustine lawns.
15. Control weeds while they are small and more likely to be affected by herbicides.
16. Fill in bare spots left by cold or pests before weed growth begins.
17. Check to make sure lawns are being mowed at the proper height.
18. Remove excessive quantities of tree leaves from home lawns before mowing.

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19. Spring is often dry; water when the lawn begins to show moisture stress.
 20. Train your lawn to no more than once or twice a week watering.
 21. Adjust sprinklers to avoid sidewalks and roadways and water only the turf.
 22. Apply up to three-quarters of an inch of water at each irrigation.
 23. Yellow lawns can often be regreened with an iron only [application](#).
 24. Change the oil and service air filters of gas powered equipment.
 25. Sharpen mower blades when the cutting edges begin to dull.
 26. Edge lawns growing along sidewalks.
 27. Aerate lawns and remove thatch if needed.
- Landscape chores**
28. Rake and use leaves as mulch or compost them for later use in the gardens.
 29. Replant with a majority of cold hardy shrubs and perennials.
 30. Remove declining cool season annuals and add a spring warm weather selection.
 31. Make sure the root balls of all plant are moist at planting time.
 32. Build berms at the edge of root balls of new trees and shrubs to direct water to the roots.
 33. Give all poinsettias a spring trimming; repot new ones or add them to the landscape.
 34. Most established trees and shrubs are drought tolerant; water when they show signs of stress.
 35. Maintain 2- to 3-inch mulch layers with trees and shrubs; one inch in flower beds.
 36. Water annuals and perennials when the soil begins to dry or they show signs of wilting.
 37. Use slow release fertilizers that can feed landscape plants for months.
 38. Feed palms with special fertilizers made for these plantings every 3 to 4 months.
 39. Weed landscape plantings to reduce competition for water and nutrients.
 40. Complete pruning of overgrown plants.
 41. Prune spring flowering trees and shrubs after the blossoms fade.
 42. Inspect older trees and trim as needed before the hurricane season begins.
 43. Check sagos for white cycad scale and control as needed.
 44. Trim old flower stalks from amaryllis, amazon lilies and other spring flowering plants.
 45. Plant a tree, shrub or vine on National Arbor Day April 27.
 46. Water new plantings as needed to keep the soil moist.
 47. Divide perennials before the really hot weather arrives.
 48. Train vines to a trellis or arbor.
 49. Form air layers to propagate hard to root trees and shrubs.
 50. Add a water feature to the landscape; clean established ones.
 51. Transplant and feed water lilies and bog plants.

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