

# Landscape Checklist

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- Planting Areas
  - Check on the condition of your plants during spring.
  - Covering ground with organic mulch (it helps soil retain moisture).
  - After the first hard freeze, cut back plant branches and cover them with mulch.
  - Dead-head flowers to encourage new growth.
- Insect Control
  - Wash plants clean with a strong stream of water.
  - Get ladybugs to get rid of bugs and worms.
  - Use chemicals when necessary, be careful when applying them.
  - Consider using household "natural" chemicals to control insects.
- Weeding
  - Remove the entire weed by its roots.
  - Use herbicides, when necessary.
  - Keep weeds to a minimum by covering the soil with an inch or two of mulch.
  - Use grass to choke out any other weeds.
- Mowing
  - Remove all leaves from grassy areas.
  - Don't cut grass too short, longer grass is healthier.
  - Cuts grass into tiny bits and returning it to the lawn nutrients the soil and reduces the need for fertilizer.