

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.