



Those leaves also provide food for microbiology and shelter and food for the native fauna, like our beneficial insects, reptiles, and small mammals. If you cannot leave all the leaves, concentrate what you can around trees and in the flowerbeds.

The culinary garden is especially magical in the cooler months. To get my leafy greens like kale, mustard, lettuce, and chard off to a great start and to keep them producing, I have had great success with MicroLife Ultimate every 8 to 12 weeks. I use it on herbs, cole crops, like broccoli, beets, and radishes, too. In short, the entire garden will benefit from the slow-release Organic fertilizer.

MicroLife Molasses is excellent to use in the cool season garden, too, to add sugars that benefit plants and microbes, alike. Now is a great time to do some composting - and I love adding MicroGro Granular to the compost pile to jump-start the process. It is so easy to use and works beautifully.

For turf, the Fall is when things slow down and get easier. The grass is not growing quickly, and in some regions, not at all. Focus on a Fall application of MicroLife 6-2-4 or MicroLife Brown Patch. These will provide a slow, steady stream of food for your lawn without dangerously pushing too much tender growth. With a good program of Humates and fertilizer, you can create turf that does not need weed control products.

A good, holistic approach to lawn fertility creates an environment that weeds do not thrive in, but turf does. As stated above, if you can leave the leaves where they are, they provide insulation and fertility for the following spring.

Remember, the name of the game going into the cooler months is to protect and to provide slow and steady fertility.

Enjoy the change in the seasons!