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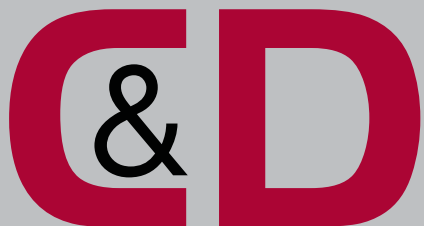
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pets, at some time they are likely to bring in fleas, and once you have an infestation of fleas, they're hard to get rid of.

You'll need to treat the pet, the yard and the house — all at once — with products that will also control the eggs.

If you have carpeted areas, a water-extraction carpet cleaning helps to physically remove fleas, pupae and eggs.

Then spray with an adulticide and a growth regulator that will prevent eggs from developing.

Flea cocoons can live more than a year waiting for movement and body heat to motivate them to hatch.

Daily vacuuming encourages more rapid hatching.

Don't just close a room off and think it will be safe.

Sometimes an infestation is so bad you have to "bomb" the house with canisters that you set off on the way out. Be sure to read the directions.

Your pet will need to be treated also, perhaps with a bath in flea shampoo or a flea dip.

There are also flea collars, flea sprays, flea powders and once-a-month flea pills.

Discuss the best course of action with your veterinarian.

A final hard-to-get-rid-of pest is the grain moth.

These flying pantry pests are known to hitchhike in pet foods, wild bird seed or dried flower arrangements.

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You'll learn to recognize their presence even when you don't see an adult moth by the strange lumps and spider-web-like structures in an open box of grain product.

Once you've experienced them, you'll learn to keep everything in an air-tight container.

Don't buy in bulk; buy only

what you'll use in a short time.

Do a major clean-out, discarding any infested material and vacuuming all crevices.

If you miss unhatched moths or larvae, you'll risk another infestation.

It's your home. Don't be overtaken by unwanted guests! ➡

Cool-weather grasses en vogue

October temperatures are nippy, the weather is crisp and clear, and skies are usually the bluest of the year, so every gardener should be out enjoying their gardens.

Pansies and mums are in full bloom, and so are the cool-season ornamental grasses.

Some grasses are native to America, such as *Panicum virgatum*, or switchgrass, and *Muhlenbergia capillaries*, or Pink Muhly Grass.

The original panicum can become very weedy, but the cultivars, "Northwinds," "Cheyenne Sky," "Shenandoah," "Rotstrahlbusch" and "Heavy Metal"



Gardening Tips

By Ginny Rosenkranz

give outstanding color in the fall gardens.

All of the switch grasses grow 2 to 4 feet tall and become a stiff, upright silhouette with green or blue foliage during the spring and as the summers get

hot, the grasses show off their colors.

"Heavy Metal" has blue-lavender leaves and white blooms that, as the temperatures cool down, become yellow leaves with dark burgundy seed heads.

"Northwinds" has olive-green foliage with white blooms that turn to yellow foliage and red seed heads.

"Cheyenne Sky," "Shenandoah" and "Rotstrahlbusch" are considered the red switchgrasses, starting out green during the summer months but become red during the late summer. All have red seed heads.

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the least amount. When used in the kitchen, it is typically done in accent.

This could be through the use of towels and dinnerware.

If you choose dinnerware, blending animal prints with solid or traditional gives your dinnerware interest. This means perhaps mixing alternative patterns with some animal print.

Bedroom: Because of the many bed linen options available and their warm colors, animal prints are a good choice for the bedroom.

They also coordinate well with most bed frames such as wood or iron.

Similar to the way animal prints are used in a living room, try using plain, coordinating sheets in

solid colors; these provide the best backdrop for animal prints.

Bathroom: If there is any room in your home to drown in safari, the bathroom is the best choice.

No room is more fun for an animal print theme than a bathroom.

There are endless bathroom accessories available in animal print, including towels, rugs, and shower curtains.

There is even animal print wall paper. This room can be finished off with a bamboo shade and, if wall paper is not an option, painting the walls in a warm, complimentary color.

Incorporating animal prints into your decorating is the perfect opportunity for you to let your imagination run "wild."

Zebras, tigers, leopards, chee-

tahs and giraffes are used to roaming the jungle together, so they can certainly be together in the same room.

There is also something about animal prints that make a room feel more alive and exciting.

Remember to take the scale of pattern into consideration when using animal prints.

This means if you desire a subtle presence, do not select a print that has a large pattern.

No matter how you decide to incorporate animal prints into your home décor, it is a classy, exotic pattern that provides an opportunity for uniqueness. ➤

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Grouping different species of evergreens can make for an enticing and interesting view with a variety of shades and color put together. Above, a Blue Spruce is mingled with two Gold Thread False Cypresses, a Blue Pfitzer Juniper and varieties of Barberry, for the touch of red.

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Learn to keep it green

A strong presence of evergreens
can ensure your yard has color
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Story, photos
by Stephanie Jordan-Schwind

With winter only a few short months away, the return of a drab and dreary season is almost here.

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