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BRINGING PLANTS INDOORS FOR THE WINTER

Come into the store for your "Houseplant Happiness Kit" - for less than \$25.00 you can pick up a bottle of Insecticidal Soap, yellow sticky cards, and a bag of Stonington Blend Organic Plant Food. (This Coast of Maine product is normally \$19.99 but we have it on sale this week for \$12.99.)

Cut off all brown or damaged leaves and dead stems before you bring the plants inside.

Spray the plant with Insecticidal Soap before you bring the plants in.

Apply two teaspoons of the Coast of Maine fertilizer on top of the soil. If it looks like some of the soil has eroded over the summer you could put a thin layer of potting soil over the organic plant food. (Note: sometimes organic plant food shows "mold" as it breaks down on the surface of the potting mix. This is normal and doesn't hurt the plant.)

Place the yellow sticky cards near the plants. I tuck mine between the tines of an old fork and stick the handle of the fork into one of the pots. The cards trap any fungus gnats and whitefly that might be around. If you see the small "fruit flies" on the cards you might want to pick up some Captain Jack's spinosad to put in the watering can when you water; this kills the fungus gnat larvae that feed on the roots of houseplants.