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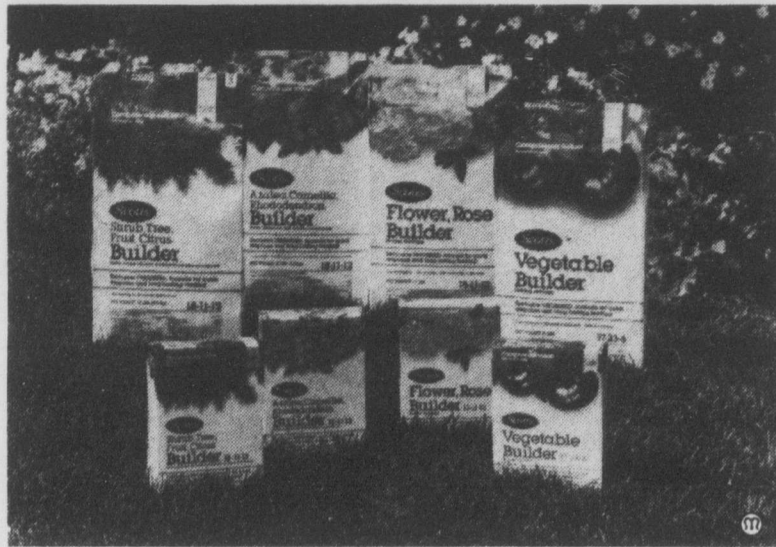
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Tool manufacturers keep up with gardening trends

Remember the way grandma took care of her garden? She'd spend hours each day watering, weeding and fertilizing, her flowered garden gloves protecting her hands from the heavy tools.

Gardening has changed. Grandma would be surprised to see how efficient gardening and garden tools have become.

Gardening has become the number one outdoor leisure activity in the U.S. According to a recent study done by the National Gardening Association, 78 percent of U.S. households were involved in gardening in 1986.

The new generation of gardeners has changed the look of both backyard gardens and heavy, age-old garden tools.

More and more gardeners are moving their gardens from rural backyards to apartment window boxes and condominium decks.

Manufacturers have kept up with new gardening trends and are meeting the needs of busy gardeners by re-designing their traditional tools.

The first manufacturer to listen to gardeners' needs was Gardena, a West German based company that distributes in the U.S., and which has developed the combisystem® line of garden tools.

These tools are designed as one handle with interchangeable tool heads. All tools fit on the same handle and store neatly in a small space. This idea has caught on in the industry, and several companies have similar lines.

The new tools are designed to be easy to use, comfortable and efficient. Precise engineering and specific working angles help to distribute force and stress throughout the tool, rather than straight to the gardener's back and hands.

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Grandma's tool shed was always cluttered, and tool handles would stick out, right side up and upside down. Now tool heads fit neatly on a tool rack with handles beside it.

Gardena's tool rack fits six tool heads arranged vertically, with handles fitting in racks on the side. This makes it easy

to store garden tools in a garage corner, apartment closet or small shed.

The popularity of gardening today has encouraged improvements in techniques and tools. Lightweight, stress-reducing, compact tools have made gardening more efficient and more enjoyable.

Although tools have changed, results are the same. There is personal satisfaction in a job well done, whether it's the first rose off a new bush or a winter's worth of home canned tomatoes.

Grandma's garden has changed, and she might not recognize some of her tools, but the things she loved about gardening are still the same.

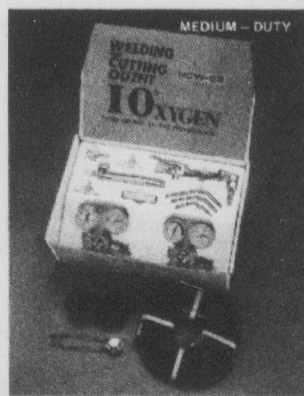
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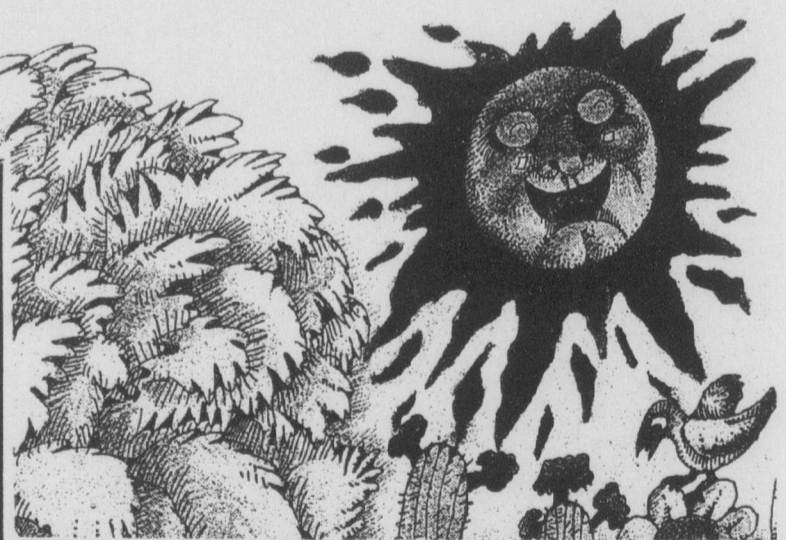
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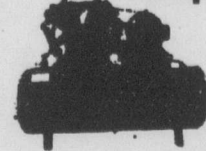
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Easy to grow wildflowers

By FRANCES TENENBAUM

All the world loves wildflowers, yet relatively few gardeners grow them. There is a three-part theory to account for this apparent discrepancy: The almost universal belief that wildflowers are hard to grow; the myth that you cannot grow wildflowers in anything but an exact duplicate of their natural environment; and the fact that there is very little practical literature on how to grow them.

Although I think that theory is valid, I am tempted to reduce it to one somewhat flippant statement: People don't grow wildflowers because they once planted pink lady slippers—and they died.

But all wildflowers aren't pink lady slippers, or other wild orchids, or rare and temperamental plants. Hundreds of beautiful wildflowers are actually very easy to grow.

Wildflowers are one very good way of bringing individuality and a new sense of adventure and excitement into gardening, while at the same time encouraging the preservation and propagation of native plants. More and more varieties of bigger, brighter, sturdier zinnias are fine, but not all of us want only zinnias.

Equally important is the fact that native plants, once established, are far less demanding than most hybrids. Since they are usually perennials or self-sowing biennials, they are also a lot less expensive and far less trouble than the annuals we are accustomed to purchasing each year to use as fillers after the first flush of spring bloom has passed.

Here is a sampling of shade-loving wildflowers which you can easily incorporate into your own garden's flower beds. These shade-loving wildflowers will grow in average garden soil under exactly the same conditions that cultivated shade flowers require: Light or moderate shade with some sun and reasonable moisture.

Like cultivated plants, they won't do well in dense shade, but they will take quite a bit of sun if the soil isn't hot and dry.

Because this is such a desirable, reliable group of wildflowers, all of them are easily available from wildflower dealers everywhere, as well as from many general nurseries.

• **Crested Iris (*Iris cristata*)**—A low-growing, mat-forming plant, rarely more than six inches tall, but with large, light lavender-blue flowers.

It blooms in early spring, but the leaves remain all summer, making it a neat, attractive plant for the front border of a shady bed.

Because of its spreading nature, it is also useful as a ground cover or a plant for a shady rock garden.

Iris cristata is easily grown and may be divided at any time, or increased by removing a small piece from the mother plant.

The rhizomes should be planted close to the surface and *not* mulched heavily.

• **Wild Geranium (Crane's-bill) (*Geranium maculatum*)**—A very pretty pinkish-lavender flower with delicate, deeply notched leaves. The wild geranium (no relative of the *Pelargonium* that we know as the geranium) grows from 12 to 20 inches tall along shady roadsides in late spring.

It is a very easy plant to grow in a variety of shady locations and, if it has any fault, it is that it tends to self-sow rather freely, but no more so than many cultivated plants, and it is easy enough to weed out the seedlings. The flowers will quickly if picked.

• **Wild Columbine (*Aquilegia*)**—There are many species of this well-loved native plant, the most commonly sold being the American Columbine, *A. canadensis*, which has red and yellow flowers with long red spurs.

It grows from two to three feet tall in graceful clumps and self-sows generously.

You can easily increase your collection by waiting for the tiny seedlings to appear and then moving those, rather than digging up the mature plants. It blooms in late spring in most areas.

The biggest difference between easy flowers for shade and easy ones for sun is that some that thrive in sun could actually be *too* easy if you aren't careful where you use them. In their wild state, they usually grow under somewhat adverse conditions, unfertilized, in competition with other vegetation, and in rather poor, dry land.

If you treat them too well by bringing them into a heavily fertilized, well-watered, sunny flower border, they may repay your kindness by turning rank and weedy and then crowd out your specimen plants.

If you have perfect growing conditions in a sunny border, you'll do better to save that bed for your cultivated plants and look elsewhere on your property for places to use wildflowers.

The great virtue of the following sample of wildflowers is that they will do well in less than ideal conditions, where cultivated plants will suffer.

• **Lance Coreopsis (*Coreopsis lanceolata*)**—You may already have this one in your garden, since it is an accepted "cultivated" plant as well as a wild one.

Because it doesn't grow rank and weedy, you can use it in a good sunny border as well as in its native dry, sandy or rocky soil.

It has bright yellow flowers with wide

rays and makes a most attractive display throughout the summer.

There are several species of coreopsis, but this one and the similar *C. grandiflora*, a self-sowing biennial, are the best for dry, sunny areas.

Lance coreopsis is a perennial; it is easy to transplant from the wild, and may be divided in the spring.

• **New England Aster (*Aster novae-angliae*)**—Of all the many species of aster, this is the one most often offered for sale and most widely cultivated in home gardens. It is a tall plant and should be used toward the back of a flower bed.

However, since it grows naturally in rather wet soil, given drier conditions it may not tower quite so much, which is fine with most gardeners.

The flower heads are larger than those of most wild asters, and range in color from purple through purple-pink to white. It is easily transplanted and available from all dealers.

If you are collecting from the wild, you'll find many other asters which you may like. One of my favorites is the Heath Aster, *A. ericoides*, which grows in extremely poor dry soil, rather tall, with lots of small white flowers.

It isn't that it looks very special in the garden, but the flowers make a wonderful substitute in bouquets for baby's breath, a cultivated plant that has never succeeded for me.

• **Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)**—Although the purple coneflower will grow very well in poor, dry, gravelly soil, you can safely use this in a good bed too, since it isn't at all weedy. The flower petals are reddish purple and droop downwards from a darker purple center cone.

It is similar in appearance, although certainly not in color, to the black-eyed Susan, but far less common. Seeds and plants are carried by wildflower dealers.

Lastly, please remember that you should give all wildflowers a good start, no matter under what conditions of adversity they naturally grow. Dig a good hole, add peat moss or compost, and water them in well. Don't fertilize.

In the sun, weeds are always a problem. Either weed by hand until the wildflowers take over or use a heavy mulch. Don't worry about the frail little weeds; just go for the big gross ones that might crowd out your flowers. And don't cultivate; that just prepares the soil for a new invasion of weed seeds.



SHADE GARDENS are pleasant oases which require less maintenance. They thrive with less frequent watering, and fertilizing with a liquid plant food, such as Miracle-Gro, can be reduced.

Garden beauty: Made in the shade

What if your property doesn't get much sun? Well, that may be a blessing. Many people consider shade gardens to be the most delightful, especially in hot, sunny weather when the cool shelter of a lush shade garden can refresh both mind and body.

Shade gardens offer many advantages over their sunny counterparts. Clearly, physical labor is easier in the shade than in the sun. Also, flowers almost always last longer in a shade garden.

Shade-loving plants also require less maintenance. You don't have to water as often. Fertilizing with a liquid plant food, such as Miracle-Gro, can be cut to once a month rather than the usual weekly application.

Many people are surprised at the number of lovely plants suitable for shade. You can choose among annuals, perennials, hardy bulbs, tender bulbs, ground covers, vines, evergreens, deciduous

flowering shrubs and small trees. However, the perennials and the annuals are the backbone of your shade garden.

Some easily-found perennials that you can enjoy for years in your shady garden are *bleeding heart*, *columbine*, *coral bells* and *hosta*.

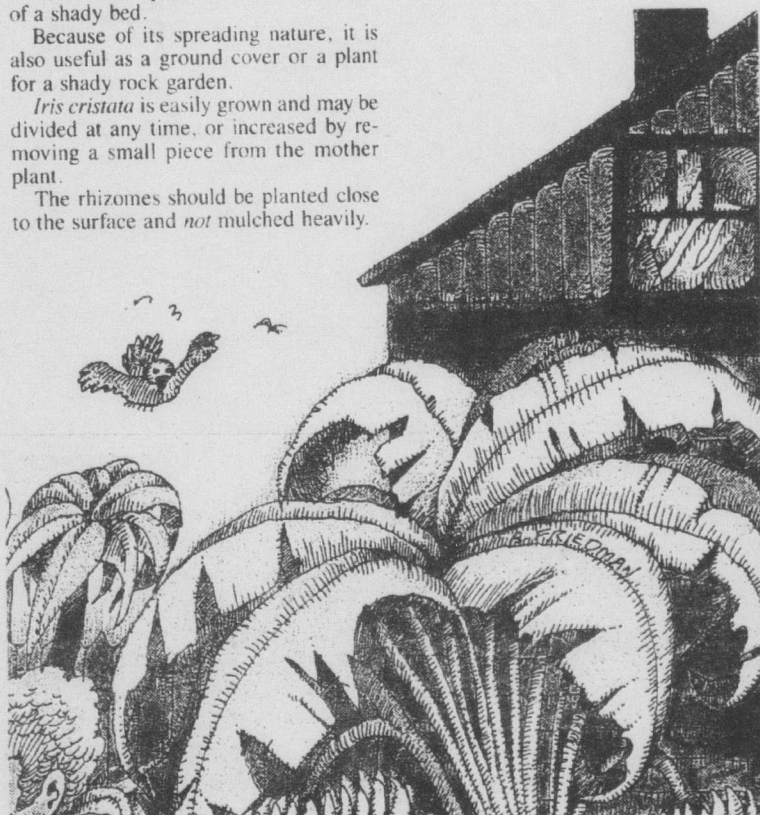
Annuals you will find perfect for shade are *begonia*, *coleus*, *impatiens* and *torenia*.

Three shrubs famous for their shady performances are *azalea*, *hydrangea* and *rhododendron*.

Vines to consider for the shade are *clematis* and *nasturtium*. Specimen trees commonly used in a shady garden are *flowering dogwood* and *Japanese maple*.

Among the many evergreens you can use in the shade, some of the better known are *barberry*, *boxwood* and *camellia*.

For ground cover try *forget-me-not*, *lily-of-the-valley* or *sweet violet*.



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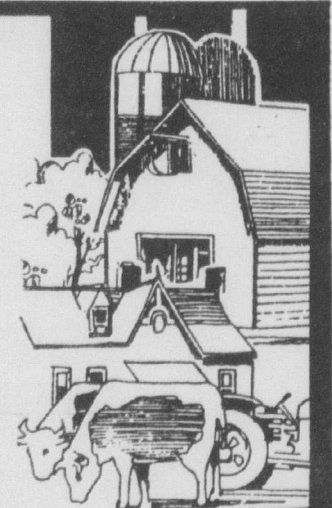
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Try container gardening for low maintenance

If you enjoy freshly picked herbs and vegetables, or an arrangement of summer flowers from your own backyard, you're probably one of the millions of Americans who have tried gardening.

However, if your time is limited, or if you lack the backyard space (or even the backyard) for your own little flower or vegetable plot, don't despair of having some outlet for your green thumb.

This season, shop for a new gardening system that will allow you to grow vegetables or raise flowers all season long without the labor that a backyard garden requires.

Based upon a time-proven gardening practice called French intensive gardening, Rubbermaid has developed a container system that enables consumers to enjoy bumper crops of tomatoes, fresh vegetables, herbs or flowers on a deck, patio or balcony.

Called the Anywhere Garden™ System, it features a durable plastic container with a scientifically designed self-watering system that encourages healthy plant growth.

The self-watering system includes a built-in wick and one-gallon water reservoir, permitting less frequent watering than traditional container gardening.

The wicking system carries water by capillary action to the soil and roots as needed by plants.

Using just a few of these containers, each about 15" square, the patio gardener can grow an immense variety of summer vegetables and herbs; a single container is sufficient in size to raise a

tomato plant with some flowers or lettuce, or you can grow beans, spinach, onions, carrots, eggplants, cucumbers, and many other vegetables and flowers.

The Anywhere Garden™ System can be purchased complete with its own specially formulated soil mix which is aerated to allow roots to get the necessary supply of oxygen. A trellis kit to support climbing plants is also available.

Instead of spending time to build fences to keep the local "critters" away from your lettuce, or using countless hours of precious summer months digging in the soil or pulling weeds, you can spend more time enjoying the fruits of your new, efficient garden.

You may, in fact, save enough time to take a course in arranging those fresh flowers you've grown, or preparing some wonderful recipes with the fruits of your labor.



ANYONE CAN GROW robust vegetables and flowers like these on a sunny deck or patio. The secret to success is choosing a soil mix designed specifically for outdoor container gardening. Garden soil and most commercially-available potting mixes just don't work as well. Photo courtesy: A.H. Hoffman Company.

New for the garden in 1988: A myriad of tools and gadgets

• A flood of new water related products—sprinklers and drip systems for applying water, substances to save water and containers that water themselves.

• Monitoring traps for garden insect pests.

• Aerodynamically designed cold frames that deal with wind problems.

• New designs in applicators that bring ease and convenience to fertilizing or spraying the garden and yard.

• Slug bait, kid gloves, gopher inhibitors, detachable convertible tools and more.

Experts at National Gardening have taken a look at the potpourri of gardening tools and gadgets being introduced for the 1988 gardening season.

There are products that will bring innovative techniques into the garden, conserve natural resources, help solve common garden problems, save time and energy and offer a multiplicity of possibilities with simple attachments.

"Based on the diversity of new products, we at National Gardening Association feel the gardening industry is listening to the market needs," said Charles Scott, president of the nonprofit, member-supported organization, based in

Burlington, Vermont. "Our National Gardening Survey shows gardeners are spending more money for their yards and gardens."

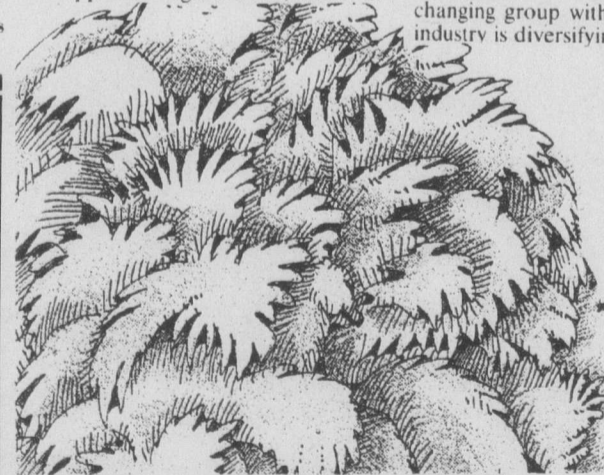
Retail sales of lawn and garden products in 1986 totaled \$14.206 billion, an increase of 18 percent or \$2.18 billion more than 1985, when consumers spent a total of \$12.026 billion.

There was a significant increase in the average amount of money consumers spent on a majority of lawn and garden activities, from \$159 per household in 1985 to \$196 in 1986.

Trends are showing that American gardening households are becoming more involved in lawn and garden activities. In the past, gardeners limited themselves to one or two forms of gardening. Today, the yard is like one more room of the home to many gardeners.

The yard tends to reflect the personal style and taste of the gardener, and involves many types of gardening activities: Growing food, ornamentals, flowers, bulbs, shrubs, lawn, trees and more.

"Gardeners are an important consumer market," said Scott. "They are a changing group with demands that the industry is diversifying to meet."



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How to take the work out of watering

Here's a do-it-yourself project that will save you an enormous amount of time, help you conserve water and still take better care of your landscape.

Installing an automatic underground sprinkler system takes some planning and work, but the rewards will be worth the effort.

Consider that you will no longer have to drag out the hoses to water the lawn, or have to ask the neighbor to water while you are on vacation.

You won't have to get up early in the morning to water, or bother with it in the evening when you come home from work.

An automatic sprinkler system takes all the work and worry out of watering. Once set, the timer controls when and how long the watering occurs. It can be easily re-set to meet changing weather and seasonal conditions.

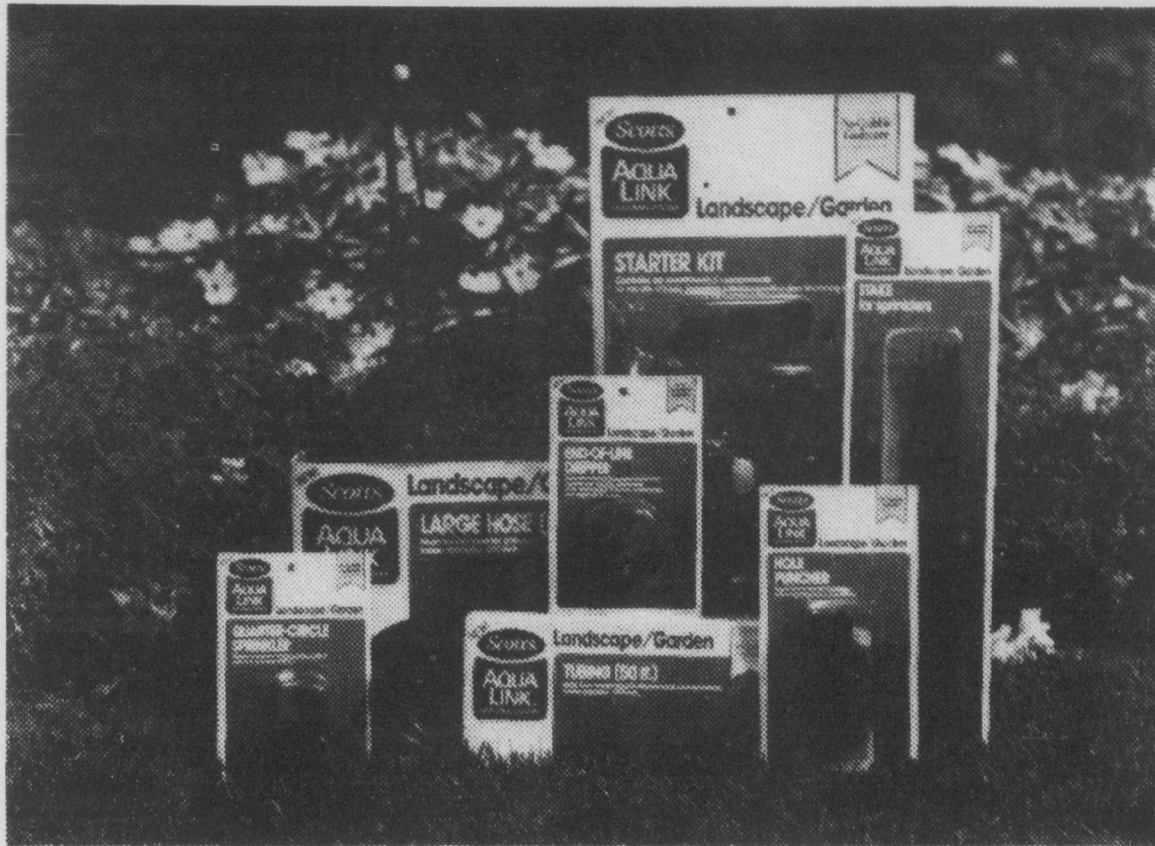
While an automatic sprinkler system frees the homeowner from the watering chore, it actually increases control over how the landscape is watered.

Controlled by a highly reliable timer, water is delivered to each area according to its specific needs. Properly planned, there will be less run-off and waste, and more efficient watering of the landscape.

As a do-it-yourself project, installing a system does require careful planning and attention to details. System manufacturers provide detailed planning guides that take you step-by-step through the process.

Lawn Genie, a leading manufacturer of timers, valves and sprinkler heads, breaks the process into three steps:

1. Plan the system by gathering all of the information necessary on water service lines and available water pressure. A few quick calculations using the planning guide will determine gallons per minute



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available, and help you design the system to ensure proper water coverage of all areas.

2. Lay out the landscape to be watered on graph paper, determining the circuits, valves and sprinkler heads needed to

serve every location. The type of timer will depend on the complexity of the landscape and circuits needed.

Timers range from those meeting basic needs to sophisticated electronic devices capable of multiple circuit programming. Timers have low-voltage requirements and simply plug into standard outlets.

3. Now it's time to install the system, following the directions to connect into water lines, and set up valves, timer, sprinkler heads and pipes. In areas where freezing winters occur, automatic drain valves are easily installed.

Digging trenches about six inches deep, using a spade or cutting machine, is probably the most time-consuming part of the job. Flushing the lines and covering the trenches finishes the project.

"Lightscape" your landscape

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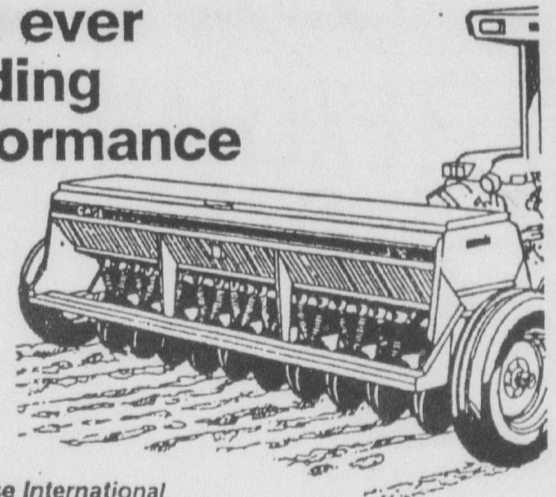
Floodlights will not only show the beauty of your garden, after dark, but will help to ward off unwanted intruders.

They should be shielded from the weather by being mounted under roof overhangs, on home or garage, or by the fixtures themselves. These shielded outdoor fixtures are sometimes called bullets.

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Research shows: BT spores have staying power

Bacterial spores present in the most widely-used microbial-based insecticide can persist in soil in significant numbers for eight months or more, a Penn State microbiologist has shown.

Dr. L.E. Casida, professor of microbiology, says the results point to the need for more research to assess the effect on the environment since, "It's likely that the spores can persist indefinitely."

Casida also notes that it's not yet known whether the spores, which are like tiny bacterial "seeds," ever germinate and complete their life cycle.

Casida emphasizes that no one has produced evidence that the spores that persist cause harm. In fact, he recently allowed the property around his own home to be sprayed with the insecticide to control gypsy moths.

"At the present moment, based on present knowledge, use of the insecticide seems to be reasonably safe, but we can't assume that the continued accumulation of these spores in the environment will have no effect on humans," he adds.

"You definitely have a potential problem any time you put an organism into the environment, and it survives in significant numbers," Casida adds.

"Spraying the insecticide inadvertently introduces significant numbers of the spores into the environment. I'm worried about upsetting the balance of nature without knowing the consequences."

"We have to start asking whether these spores can interfere eventually with the activities of other beneficial soil organisms."

In addition, Casida notes, "High levels of spores could pose a potential problem for certain people with allergies."

The spores Dr. Casida found accumulating in soil are from the bacterium, *Bacillus thuringiensis* (BT). BT is used to manufacture the most widely used microbial control for crop and forest pests, including gypsy moth, cabbageworm and European corn borer.

Casida says, "Spores plus insecticide are produced by BT during the manufacture. The spores are not removed, so they are still present when the insecticide is used."

He found that about 90 percent of the BT spores added to the soil are killed off within the first two weeks by natural predator bacteria.

However, the remaining 10 percent, which total "about a million per quarter teaspoon of soil," according to Casida, lie dormant in the soil.

Dr. Casida believes the spores are prevented from germinating and continuing their life cycle by some agent in the soil. He says, "Since we don't know what that agent is, we could accidentally disturb it and cause a giant BT bloom which could upset the balance of nature."

He is currently starting a new study to discover the agent that keeps the BT

spores dormant and to quantify it.

Dr. Casida did his study of BT in two forest plots and an open field in Centre County, Pennsylvania, and in the laboratory on soil samples from Pennsylvania and New York. He was assisted in the study by Stephen Petras, a graduate student. Their work was published in a recent issue of the journal, "Applied and Environmental Microbiology."

Dr. Casida has been studying soil bacteria for more than 25 years. He is a recognized world leader in the field, having discovered a number of new types of bacteria, including several that are extremely difficult to isolate for study in the laboratory.

He and his students, over the years, have developed techniques of thin-sectioning and frozen fracturing, now in wide use, that make it possible to use the electron microscope to study bacteria as they occur naturally in the soil without having to isolate and grow them in the laboratory.

Dr. Casida's work on *Bacillus thuringiensis* was supported, in part, by grants from the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Research Office.

Easy care, casual furniture

Once you've toted out the barbecue, take a look at your furnishings.

If chair cushions are frayed and faded,

or old metal table and chairs are scratched, dented or rusted, it may be time to invest in new casual furniture.

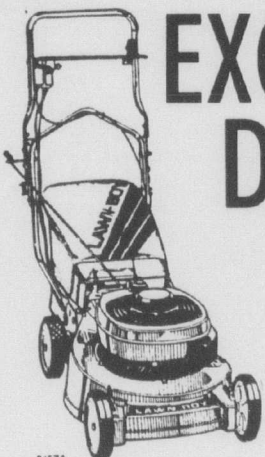
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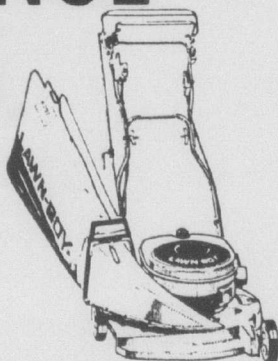
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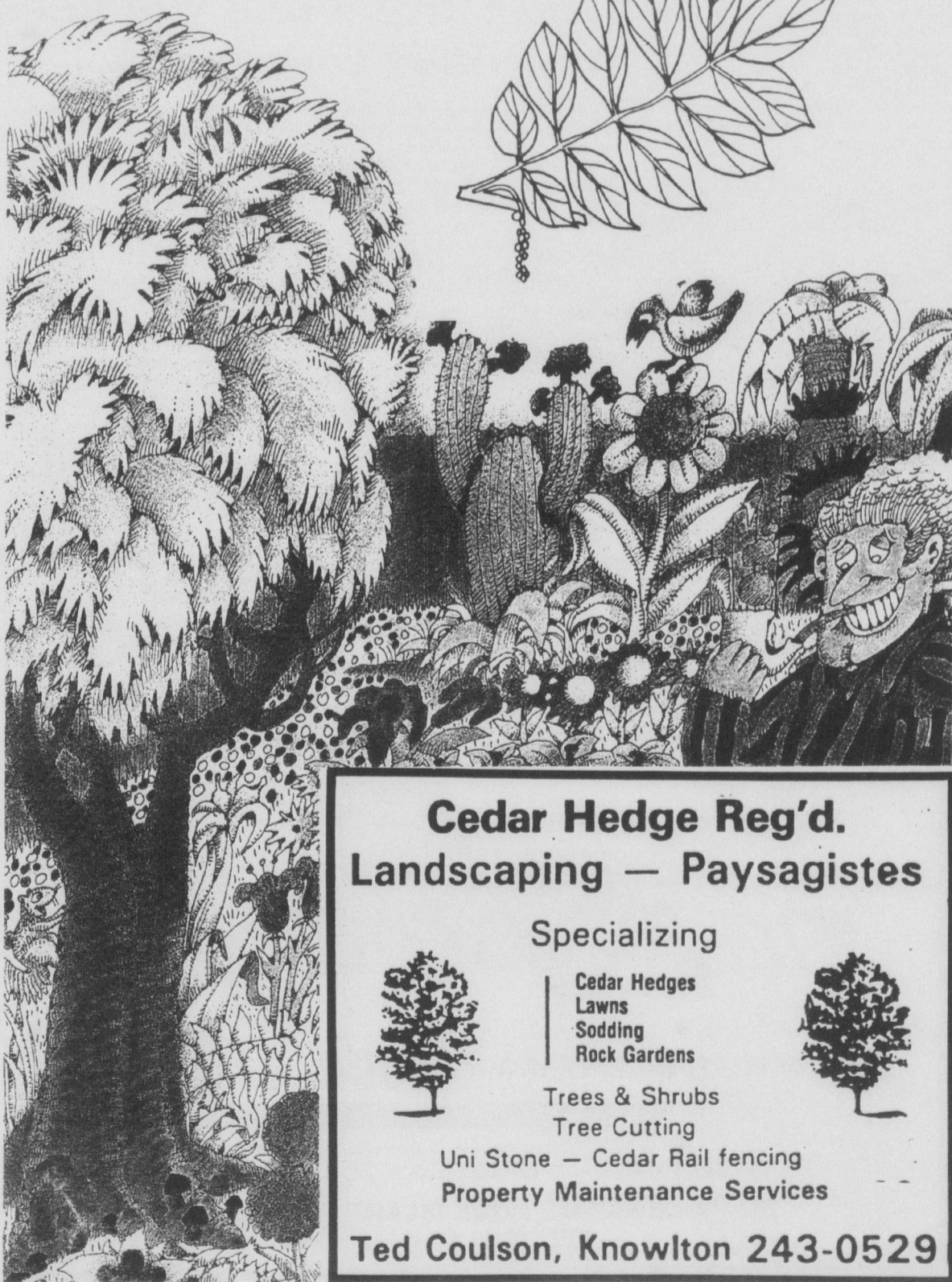
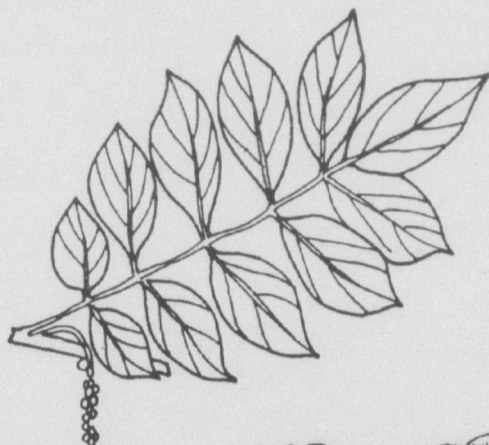
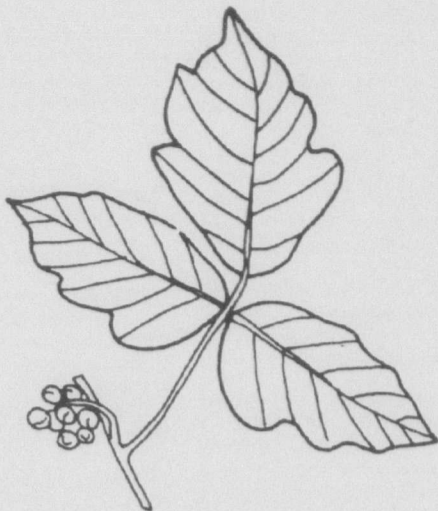
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“Will you be one of 18 million cases of painful poison ivy rash this season?”



Like the hardiest perennial plant, the annoying rash of poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac returns without fail every summer.

Here, Charles Zagerman, M.D., associate professor of clinical dermatology, Northwestern University Medical School, and consultant to Blistex Inc., makers of Ivarest, answers questions frequently asked about this painful and persistent skin rash expected to strike an estimated 18 million times this year.

Q. I have never had poison ivy rash before and I always go into the woods. Does this mean that I will never get poison ivy rash?

A. Poison ivy is a type of allergy localized to the skin. It can occur the second or the 200th time you are exposed to the plant. Therefore, the fact that you never had it before doesn't mean that you are immune.

Q. Can you spread poison ivy rash simply by touching the affected skin?

A. No, poison ivy is not an infection, and touching the oozing blisters of poison ivy will not cause more rash to develop.

Q. Does poison ivy rash only occur in the summer and only where plants are growing?

A. Poison ivy rash may be contracted all year round if you failed to wash the resin out of clothes you wore last summer. Your dog or cat can get into your neighbor's poison ivy and bring it home to you.

Q. I know that if my poison ivy rash is

severe, I should see my doctor. But what should I do if it is only mild in intensity?

A. Lukewarm showers and cooler tepid water are soothing, and can be used to help remove poison ivy resin from the skin. You can benefit from a non-prescription product such as Ivarest which contains both an antihistamine to relieve the allergic reaction, and an anesthetic to relieve pain and itching from the blisters that typically form—as well as an antiseptic to prevent secondary infection.

Q. I had poison ivy rash on the East Coast. Do I have anything to fear if I travel to California?

A. Poison ivy is found in almost all of the United States. Poison oak grows along the entire West Coast and from the Mid-Atlantic states down through Florida. Poison sumac grows east of the Mississippi from Canada to Central Florida. Allergy to one implies allergy to all three.

Q. Should I burn poison ivy plants around our house?

A. No. Burning the plant causes the allergic oil to vaporize, producing severe poison ivy dermatitis in those exposed to it. Spray with an all-purpose herbicide, instead.

To obtain a free booklet on poison ivy prevention and treatment, and a sample of Ivarest, write to Ivarest, P.O. Box 8721, Dept. M, Clinton, IA 52736.

ITCHING RASH from poisonous plants can take the fun out of any gardener's day. Can you identify the allergy-causing leaves of poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac? Shown here left to right, top, are poison ivy and poison oak. At bottom is poison sumac. (Illustrations courtesy of Ivarest.)

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The regional federation's structure is made up of the eleven (11) basic syndicates of the area. The federation has four thousand (4000) members. Also, the specialized syndicates (ex. milk, beef, poultry, etc...) of the area are joined with the regional federation.

The regional federation's job is to defend the producers and to promote their interests; it also insures coordination with the area's syndicates and getting collective services under way to promote the commitment of the members and the development of the profession.

The federation's main services are:

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Years of enjoyment

As you contemplate what to grow, take a look at some of the special varieties of vegetables developed by the seed companies for container gardening.

They are called bush-type or restricted vine vegetables, and varieties include squash, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, melons and eggplants. Anything except jumbo varieties will grow beautifully in a well-tended container.

If you're ambitious, you can grow a whole salad garden in one balcony box. For example, center a container with onions, surround the onions with leaf lettuce, and edge with radishes.

If you don't want to get that complicated, you can just plant a ring of leaf lettuce, spinach or cabbage around a single tomato plant.

Crops not recommended for containers are corn and watermelon. They'll grow, but they won't produce enough to make it worth the effort.

When selecting containers, go with big ones (approx. 16 inches deep) made of plastic or wood. The extra depth will allow more room for vigorous root growth. Plastic or wood containers are cheaper and hold moisture better.

Provide for drainage

Make sure your containers have holes in the bottom to allow excess water to escape. Cover the holes with some screen or broken pottery before adding growing medium.

Locate your containers where they'll get a minimum of six hours of sun each day.

Growing medium is probably the key element for successful container-grown vegetables. Buy specially prepared commercial soil mixes. These mixes are sterile and free from soil-borne diseases, and provide excellent drainage.

If you're growing something tall, such as tomatoes, then they'll need support. Install a tomato cage or wooden stake while the plants are still small.

Container-grown vegetables must be fed regularly to reach their full potential. Feed with a complete liquid plant food containing trace elements, such as Miracle-Gro. Apply at the rate of ½ teaspoon per gallon of water every time it is watered.

Pour the mixture over the leaves and into the growing medium. The leaves will absorb some nutrients and the rest will be absorbed by the roots.

An initial application of liquid plant food at planting time will get the plants off to a good start.

Keep your container vegetables well watered. A good rule of thumb for watering is to water deeply when the soil feels dry to the touch.

Learning to grow vegetables in tubs is like riding a bike; once you learn how, you never forget.

Don't forget that you need to protect your hands

Hands are a gardener's most useful tools. So make sure to care for them when you care for your plants.

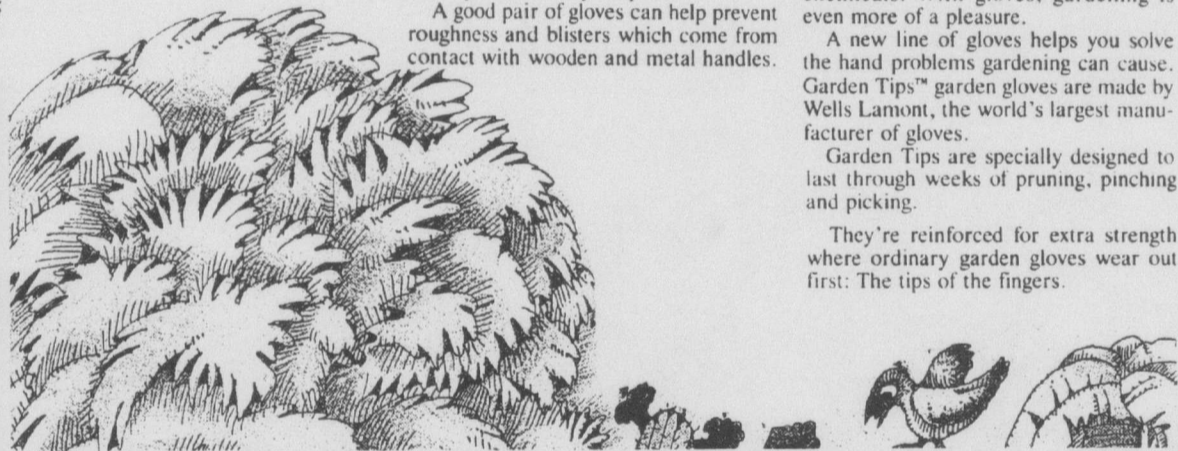
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Container gardening is easy: The secret's in the soil

Lots of busy people with no time or space for a conventional garden are raising bumper crops of flowers and vegetables anyway. They're growing them right on their own patios and decks in containers.

If you've tried container gardening before, and gotten mediocre results, don't blame your lack of a green thumb. The failure of outdoor container-grown plants is nearly always due to the wrong soil.

Ordinary garden soil is absolutely unsuitable for container growing. It compacts and suffocates roots.

Many commercially-available potting mixes don't have what it takes, either. They get waterlogged, or dry out too quickly. The results are low vegetable yield and lackluster flowers.

Successful modern container gardeners are using a brand new, scientifically-developed, soilless mix that practically guarantees success.

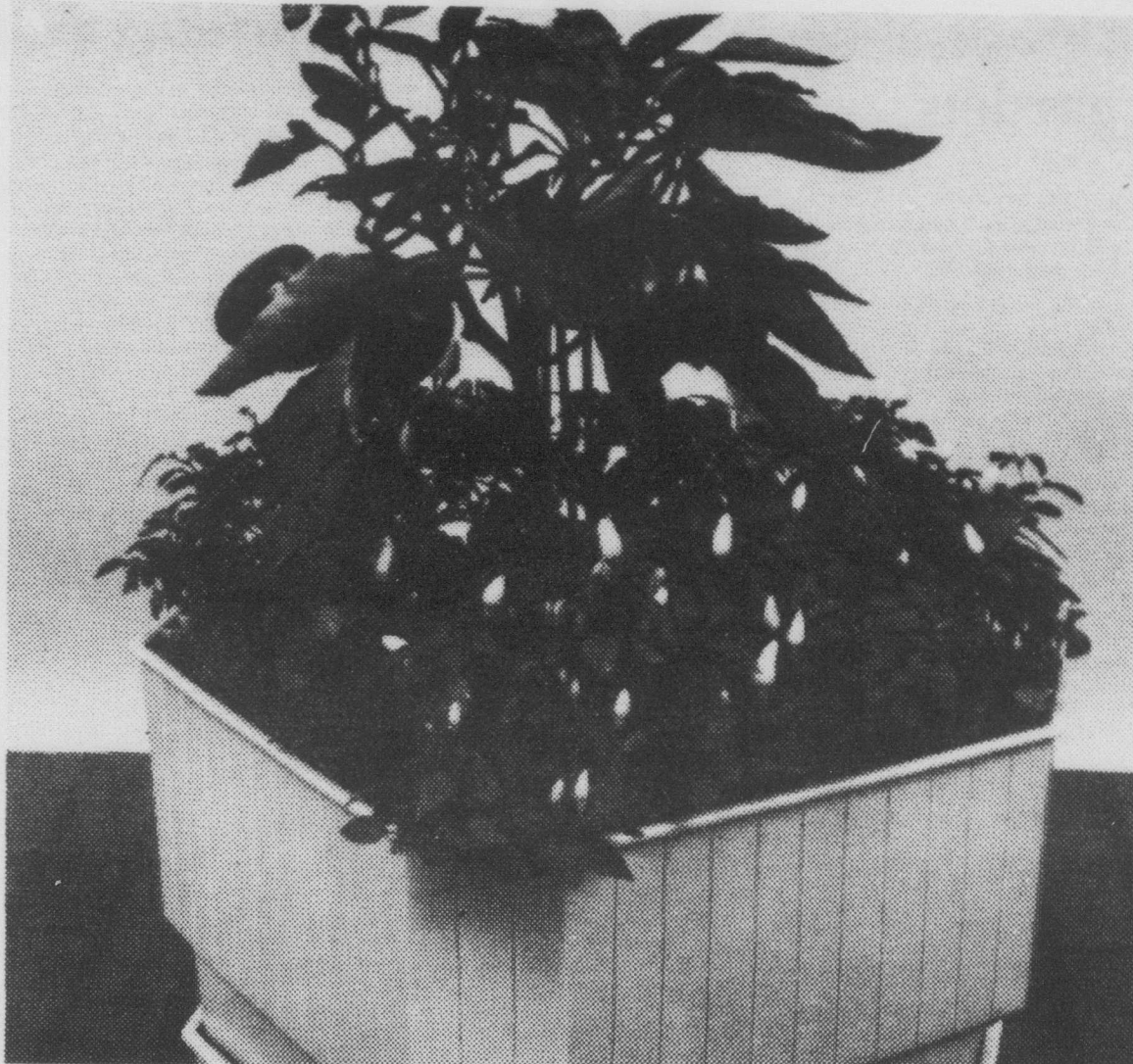
Container Gardening Soil Mix™ from Hoffman is a lightweight combination of elements selected and balanced for optimum retention of water, air and nutrients. The formula was developed in over three years of research by expert horticulturists at major universities.

The mix consists of sphagnum peat moss, sedge peat moss, vermiculite, a special wetting agent and limestone.

The coarse sphagnum and sedge peat mosses are blended to entrap water and air and retain nutrients. The vermiculite works to absorb water and mineral nutrients, and also provides magnesium.

The result is an extremely lightweight mix that holds air and moisture at precisely the right level for most plants.

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NO SPACE OR TIME for a big garden? Try container gardening. You can even grow tomato plants, cucumbers or peppers, as shown. The built-in wicking system on this product by Rubbermaid draws water from a one-gallon reservoir to minimize the need for frequent watering.

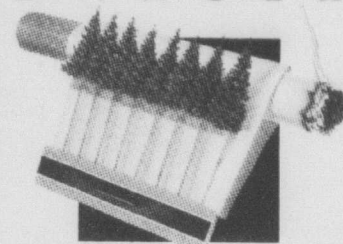
inadvertently overwater.

Hoffman Container Gardening Soil Mix is available as part of the Rubbermaid Container Gardening System and separately for use in any container.

The 30-quart bale has a suggested retail price of \$7.99 and the 10-quart bag costs \$3.79. The soil mix is available wherever garden products are sold.

Many garden supply retailers also carry a full line of Hoffman plant foods for truly bountiful container gardens.

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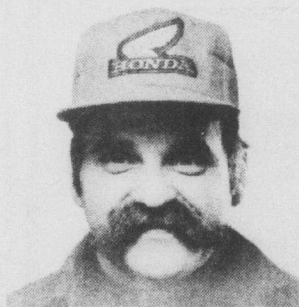
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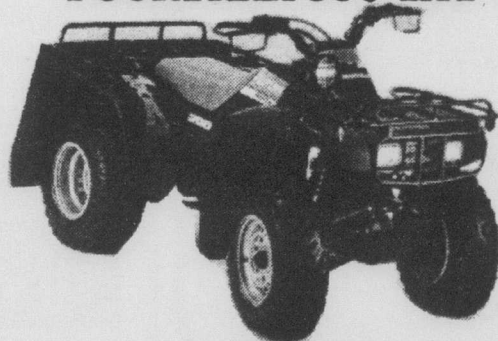


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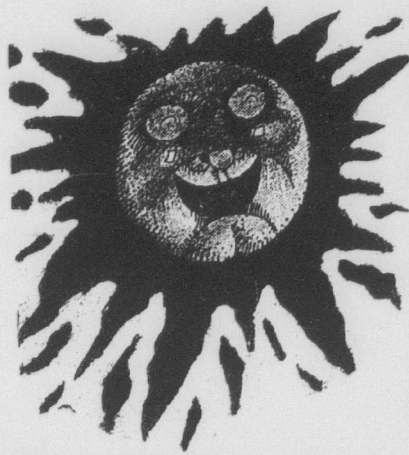
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With a modest investment of time and effort, you can revive this old Victorian idea and grow yourself a flower-shop garden.

Starting a cutting garden

Because a cutting garden is not primarily for outdoor decor, don't be concerned about its overall appearance. Just select a small inconspicuous area that receives six to seven hours of full sun a day.

Flowers for a cutting garden

For a broader selection of flowers, plan to include both annuals and perennials. Plant the annuals and perennials in different sections so that you will not disturb the perennials when you prepare the soil for the annuals each year.

The following annuals and perennials are suggested, because of their prolific production of blooms over a long season and the blooms' lasting power after cutting. Depending on the severity of winter in your area, some plants listed as perennials may be annuals.

Annuals—Aster, cosmos, snapdragon, carnation (annual or perennial), china aster, marigold.

Perennials—Delphinium, shasta daisy, baby's breath, bellflower (perennial or annual), dahlia, feverfew, gloriosa daisy, yarrow. A type of rose well suited to cutting is floribunda.

Taking care of the garden

A well-watered and well-fed cutting garden will produce more and better looking flowers. Annuals are very sensitive to drying, so be alert for signs of wilting. Annuals should be watered deeply at least once a week, while perennials should be watered every two weeks.

Feed your cutting garden with a liquid plant food such as Miracle-Gro. Apply according to manufacturer's label directions. If your garden is large, use a Miracle-Gro "No-Clog" Feeder which automatically mixes the plant food with water.

Preserving cut flowers

A few simple procedures can help prolong flower life after cutting. For best results, cut the flowers either in early morning or in early evening. Carry a container of warm water and put the flowers into it immediately.

Re-cut the flowers once you get inside the house. For soft stemmed plants always use a sharp knife or scissors and cut at an angle.

Woody stemmed plants should be cut with sharp pruning shears and the ends crushed to maximize water up-take.

Fertilizing for better roses: Guidelines for evaluating and providing the proper nutrients

The rose has long been a favorite among garden flowers. Nero, the Roman Emperor, is said to have strewn his banquet hall with rose petals, and Sappho, the Greek poetess, was the first to call the rose, "The Queen of Flowers."

Today's roses still top the list of garden favorites, and are sturdier and more free-flowering than ever. When well-tended, they will produce an abundance of flowers, from early summer until frost arrives in the fall.

Most rose growers seem well aware of the need to spray or dust regularly to control insects and diseases; however, few seem to be as well aware of the need for an adequate supply of nutrients.

Roses are heavy feeders, and they must have fertilizer applied at certain critical times, if they are to be vigorous and productive.

A newly planted rose will have lost a great deal of stem and root tissue during the harvesting and planting procedures. For it to become established quickly and replace this tissue, it must be well supplied with nutrients.

An established rose will also benefit from fertilizer application when it is pruned in the spring.

Although its root system will remain undisturbed, the severe pruning most often required to remove winter damaged wood and to shape the plant must be replaced with new growth. This, too, calls for an adequate nutrient supply.

The rose flower may be cut for use in an arrangement or allowed to remain for its effect in the garden. In either case, new growth is forced for the development of the next flower. Once again, this forced growth necessitates fertilizer application.

From the time that a rose has been cut back until it flowers again, some six to eight weeks of time will have gone by.

To ensure continued vigor and a quality flower, it is often necessary to provide another application of fertilizer when the new flower bud first becomes visible.

Dry fertilizers can be used for roses. However, they are difficult to apply with accuracy and slow to take effect. On the other hand, water soluble fertilizers, such as Miracle-Gro for Roses, are already dissolved when applied. This allows quick penetration to the roots, as well as rapid absorption into the plant.

A water soluble fertilizer is easily applied with a watering can in a predetermined amount; therefore, there is no

danger from burning if the directions are followed.

Water soluble fertilizers will not damage the foliage. In fact, foliar application is beneficial—especially so if nutrient deficiencies are evident. Foliar absorption is even quicker than that which takes place through the roots.

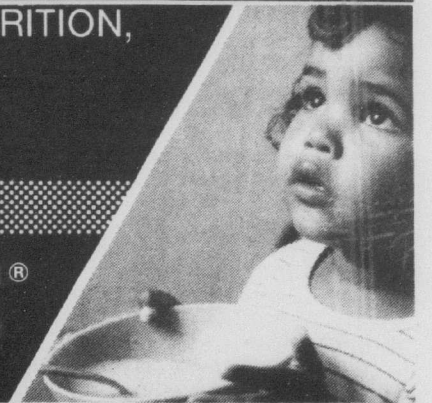
For this reason, professional rose growers often mix water soluble fertilizer with spray materials, unless expressly forbidden on the pesticide label.

One word of caution must be given with regard to fertilizing roses. Do not fertilize during the six weeks prior to frost in cold regions. This allows the plant to mature, so that it will be less susceptible to winter injury.

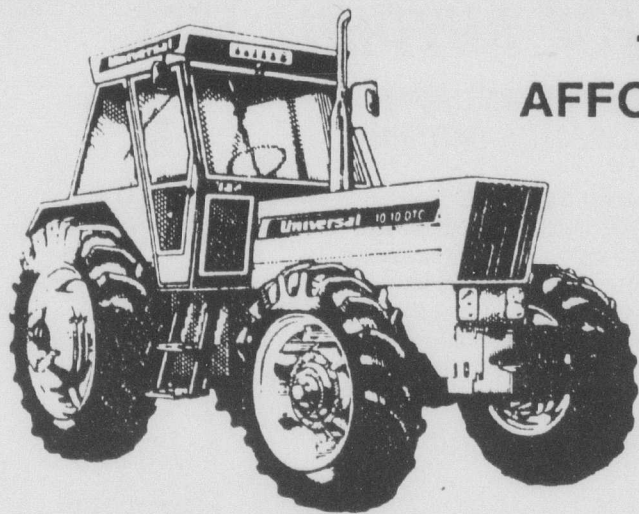
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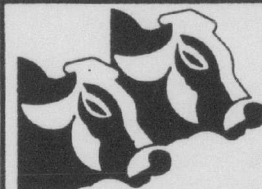
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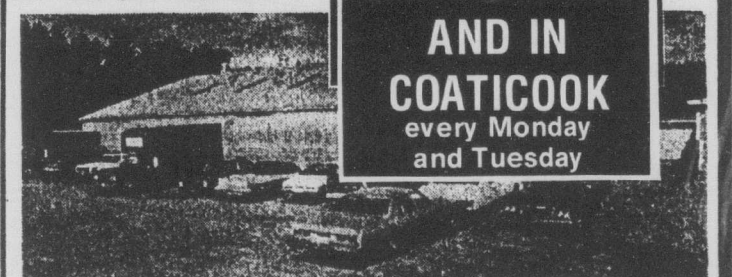


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Tips to make this year's yard cleanup easier

Now that winter snows are disappearing, it's time to think about preparing your yard for spring planting and landscaping.

If you have curbside pickup for refuse,

you'll probably want to do your cleanup by working from the back of your property to curbside.

If you'll be toting refuse to the dump yourself, you may want to start from the

side farthest from the garage, with an eye toward winding up this chore next to the driveway.

Either way, begin by selecting the proper tools. If you have branches, rocks or other heavy duty refuse to clear, invest in a good pair of work gloves, or wear rubber gloves to help protect your hands.

If you intend to prune or cut back brush, a good pair of shears is a must.

For "sweeping up" the lawn, a sturdy rake is fine. But if you have a large lot, you may want to rent or buy a leaf blower to speed up the process of clearing away dead leaves and other lightweight rubble.

The standard procedure is to hand pile, rake or blow refuse into a large mound. When you've accumulated enough to fill a large leaf bag, move on to the next section of yard.

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While cleaning up, check flower beds and other landscape plantings for signs of damage or disease. Consult your local nursery for the proper corrective or preventive action.

If you plan to fertilize your plantings or apply insect and disease retardants, the nursery or your local library would be a good source of information, as would your county's agricultural extension agent (check the county government pages of your local phone book for the number and address).

In addition to helpful information, your local agent may also provide such services as soil analysis, which will help you determine the proper care of your lawn and the best choices of plants and flowers for your specific soil type.

Create your own version of paradise by gardening

Voltaire concludes his renowned didactic novel *Candide* by having his hero state the opinion that, despite the upheavals in the world outside, "we must cultivate our own garden."

And, based on experience, *Candide* should know. Beginning his adventures ingeniously believing that "all was for the best in the best of all possible worlds," involvement in an amazing series of cataclysms, from a shipwreck to the Spanish Inquisition to the 1755 earthquake in Lisbon, eventually drove *Candide* back to his own private piece of turf, and to the peace and fulfillment which tending it offered.

Like *Candide*, those of us who observe turmoil in the world around often turn eagerly to our gardens for the relaxation, reassurance and even comfort that only tiring manual labor can bring.

What makes gardening especially a labor of love is that it bears fruit, often quite literally, soothes eye and soul with the glories of flowers grown from seed, pleases the nose with the fragrance of fresh herbs, and rewards the palate with tomatoes, apples, raspberries and a myriad of other edibles.

A reaffirmation of the life principle, visible confirmation that the barrenness of winter is followed inevitably by the fecundity of spring, gardening is also an opportunity to escape into a paradise of one's own creation.

And, what could be more appropriate, considering that the very first Paradise known to mankind, Eden, was a garden.

Perhaps all the weeding and digging, the pruning and planting, is an attempt to return there.

Certainly, the children of the sixties, the hippies, took the phrase "back to the garden" as their slogan.

Whatever their other aims may have been, one of their most cherished goals—still valid almost 20 years later—was to simplify life and restore the basic, *real* values, of which the love of and respect for the integrity of nature was paramount.

Today, more Americans than ever before are gardening, growing their own vegetables, and filling their houses with the overflow from their flower beds.

Apartment dwellers are learning to use windowboxes and windowsills to capitalize even on the limited sunlight which penetrates through the manmade valleys

of skyscrapers.

Homeowners are using backyards large and small to pursue their own visions of paradise—from lush English-style gardens, exuberantly colorful, to regal topiaries reminiscent of the Renaissance, from serene rock gardens which borrow inspiration from the Orient to countrified kitchen gardens where a profusion of flowers, vegetables and herbs, combined with abandon, provides a dazzling, yet homey display as fragrant as it is colorful.

Nor are the changes in America's gardening habits confined to the plants that are being grown.

Time and effort—and, often, a considerable amount of money—are expended in order to provide an appropriate framework for the plantings, which is in itself a pleasure to behold.

Wood picket fences, many painted white, or natural fences of shrubbery, replace sterile chain links. Arbors wreathed with roses or cascading with grapes are appealing additions, and brick or cobbled paths lead through the carefully-tended precincts—a world in themselves—where time is told on a sundial.

Rustic wood benches or ornamental wrought iron tables and chairs are drawn up strategically under a tree for shade or, alternately, where a dawdler can catch the sun's rays and watch the unfolding drama of nature.

Sometimes a Victorian swing dangles flirtatiously from a tree branch—an invitation few can resist, to linger for a while, thinking and dreaming, and, in the poet Andrew Marvell's words, "annihilating all that's made, to a green thought in a green shade." Such is the allure of gardens.



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In summary, you should select a location on your property where the ground is fairly even although, because of the

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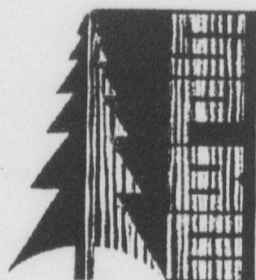
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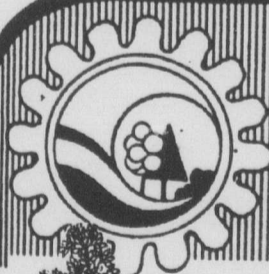
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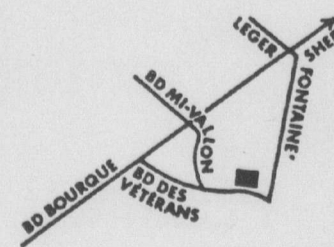


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flexibility of the liner, some leveling can be achieved when digging your pond. The pond should be placed where it will get approximately six hours of sunlight per day.

While you can place your pond anywhere, it is not recommended to place it directly under trees since falling leaves can foul the water and tree roots will make digging difficult.

Using a heavy garden hose or a rope, free-form your pond design to conform to your landscaping scheme.

When constructing your pond, you should dig both a shallow area and a deep area. Fish benefit from the shallow area to feed on insects and the shallow area can also be used to place potted plants such as lilies.

The deep area will provide security for your fish and protect them from birds and small animals. Depending on your climate, the deep area of your pond should be anywhere from 24" to 40", and the shallow area from 4" to 12".

When constructing your pond, you should line the ground with sand, carpet padding or even old newspapers before laying the liner. This will protect your pond liner against sharp, protruding objects such as roots or rocks.

To create that professional look, build a rock border around your pond, allowing the rocks to overlap the edge of the pond by 1" or 2". You can landscape back around the pond and even build a patio if you so desire.

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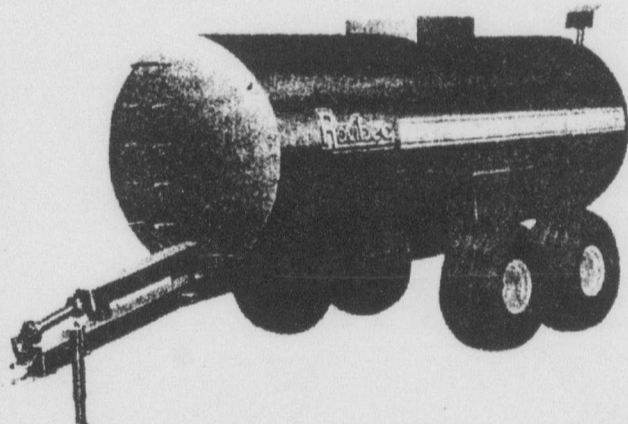
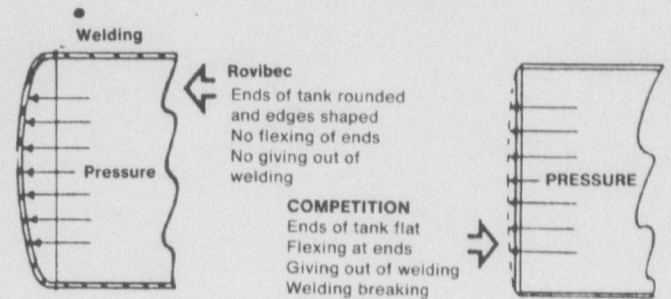
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Mulching mowers regain popularity



MORE AND MORE HOMEOWNERS will be using a mulching mower this year.

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According to experts at Bolens Corporation, the best answer may also be the

easiest. Put them back into the earth with a mulching mower!

That's what independent university studies show. Agronomists point out that mulching results in a generally greener and healthier lawn, because nutrients are returned to the soil.

Mulch particles decompose and are absorbed by the grass root system within 14 days. Mulch allows evaporation at the soil level without adding to thatch buildup.

Mulching mowers, first introduced

decades ago, are again popular because many of today's models are ideally suited to meet the demands of today's homeowner.

According to Bolens, a lawn mower designed for mulching must have a deep mowing deck and use a specially engi-

neered multi-pitch blade.

The blade and deck combine to create air suction to hold grass upright and, once cut, to suspend the clippings in the mower chamber while repeatedly chopping them into finer particles.

These small particles are then blown deep into the turf, near the soil level, where they decompose quickly.

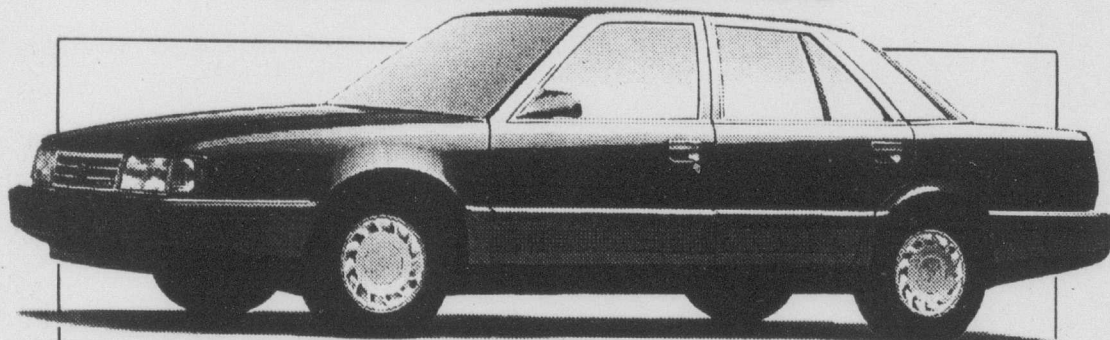
A conventional side discharge mower, on the other hand, blows clippings horizontally onto the lawn rather than forcing them down into the turf.

The long clippings lie on the lawn surface in unsightly brown clumps, and this layer of dead clippings can sometimes become thick enough to exclude sunlight and cause yellowing and weakening of the turf.

Homeowners also can bag the clippings, but it generally takes 40 to 50 percent more mowing time to empty the bags and dispose of clippings.



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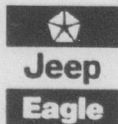
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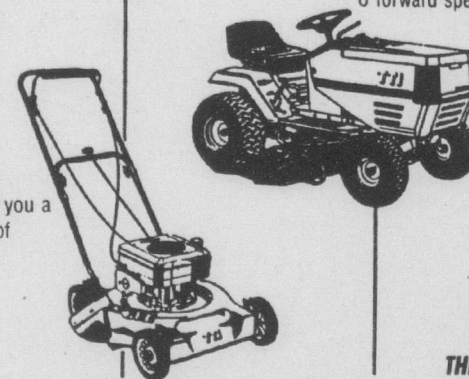


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Plant care: New soil additive stores water for plant roots

Home plant care is part of the daily rituals of millions of Americans. It does, however, pose serious challenges, including ensuring efficient use of water and nutrients, aerating and draining soil, eliminating buildup of nutrient salts, and reducing transplanting shock.

Water Grabber is a new product designed to help plant owners meet these challenges. It is a soil additive which absorbs and retains up to 500 times its original weight in water.

Plant roots, which grow into and through Water Grabber-treated soil, can

withdraw water from it on an as-needed basis.

Plants which typically require weekly watering will, in this fashion, require watering every third week. The product can be used for both potted plants and outdoor gardens.

Water Grabber eliminates buildup of potentially harmful nutrient salts in the root zone area, and reduces transplanting shock, which is common in both home and commercial gardening. In addition, it is non-toxic and pH neutral, and will not harm living organisms.

The product is packaged in four-gram packets, both individually and in packs of five on blister cards. Four-ounce pack-

ages are also available.

One four-gram packet contains enough of the product for one medium house plant. One application will last for three to five years.

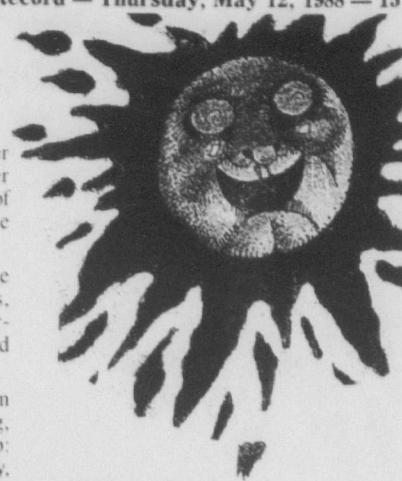
Water Grabber is applied to previously potted plants by pouring the granules into holes made with a pointed object in the soil surrounding a plant's root system. After watering, the granules absorb the water, storing it for future use.

When potting plants for the first time, one four-gram packet of Water Grabber is mixed with one pint of water. After absorption occurs, it is mixed directly with

potting soil, in a ratio of one part Water Grabber to six parts potting soil. Water Grabber will release up to 96 percent of the water it stores, and is compatible with fertilizers.

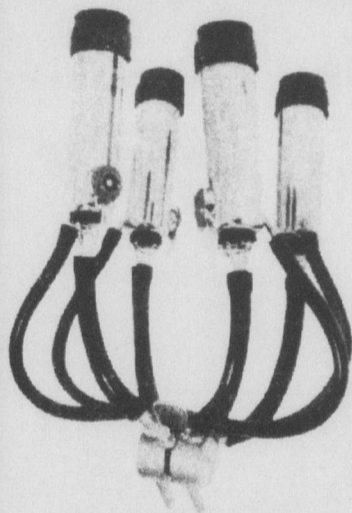
Water Grabber is available for purchase at supermarkets, mass merchandisers, lawn and garden stores, retail plant nurseries, drug and hardware stores, and building and lumber suppliers.

For a sample packet and free tips on how to use Water Grabber in gardening, send \$1.50 for postage and handling to: FP Products, P.O. Box 1306, Lake City, SC 29560.



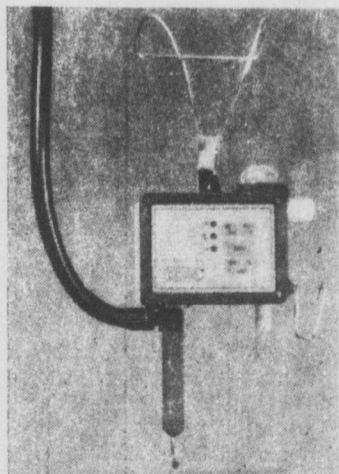
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When it's time to get the pool ready and remove the winter cover, pool owners may find dull, stagnant, lifeless water.

Lack of use during the winter may mean leaves or other debris in the pool bottom. Dark mineral stains and streaks may show on pool sides and at the waterline. What may be worse yet is algae, not noticeable in its early stages, but just wait-

Pool owners get helpful information on what to do to bring total alkalinity, pH and calcium hardness of the water into the proper range.

The computer analysis also performs many tests that home test kits can't measure, like total dissolved solids, copper/

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Since every pool has different needs, BioGuard helps owners determine proper amounts of chlorine for bacteria control and algicides for algae control.

The customized plan also spells out the possible need for stain controllers, scale prevention agents or water clarifiers.

It all begins with that water sample. After the cover has been removed, fill the pool and circulate the water for at least 24 hours. Then, immerse a clean, closed plastic water sample bag (available from BioGuard Authorized dealers, free of charge) about 18 inches below the surface of the pool, away from the returns.

Open the container and collect about a quart of water. BioGuard dealers test the water and prescribe just the chemicals needed, no more.

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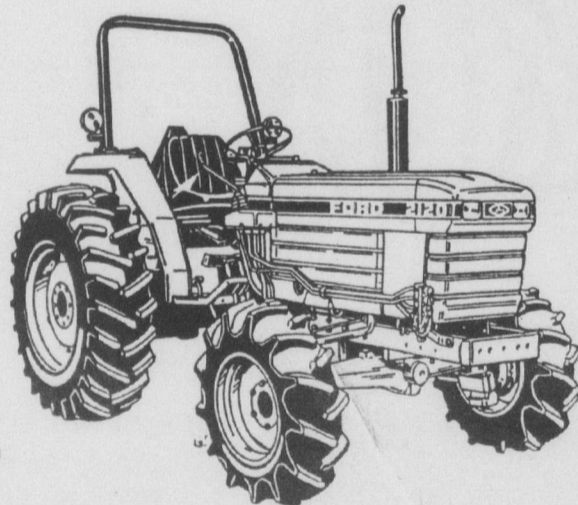
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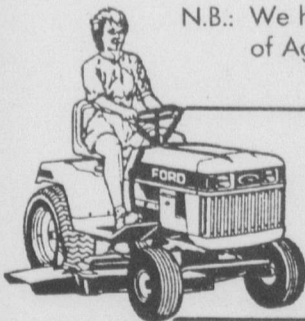


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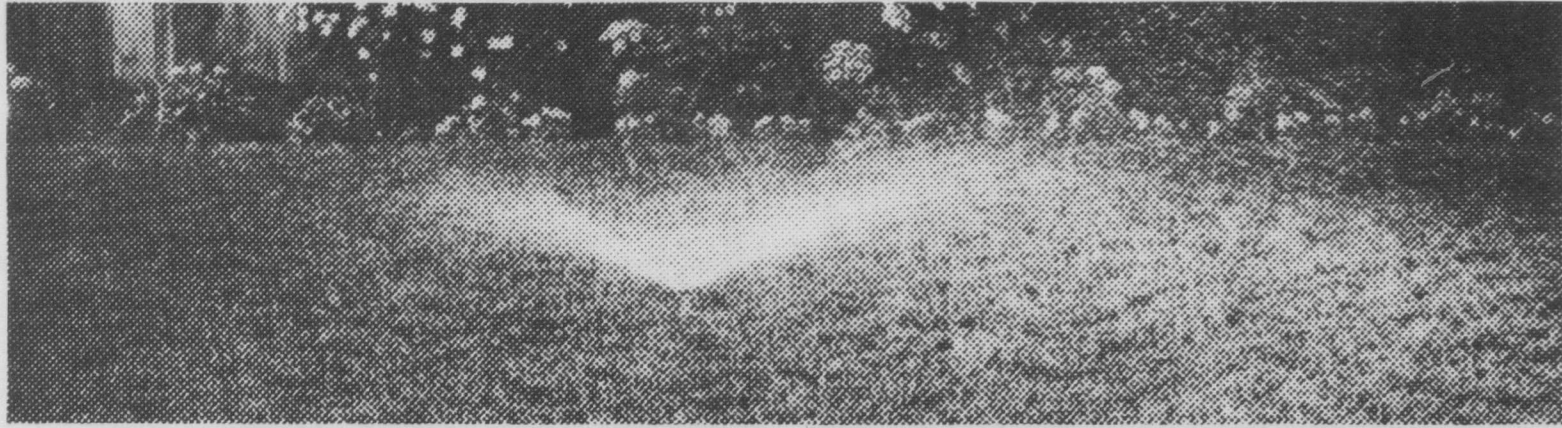
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New asparagus variety

It's not quite the same as planting a field of corn in the living room, but a U.S. Department of Agriculture scientist has come up with a new asparagus that can do double duty in a hanging basket and on the dinner table.

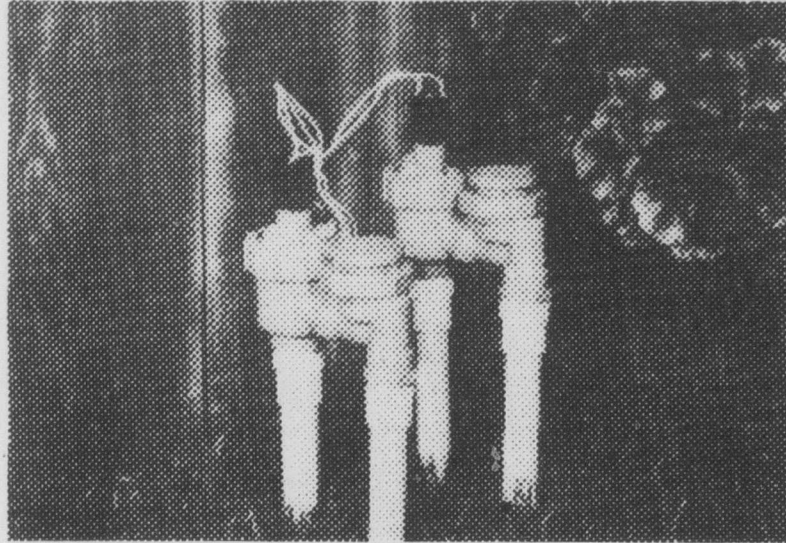
Gilbert D. McCollum, a plant geneticist with USDA's Agricultural Research Service, wasn't looking for a new decorative plant when he began crossbreeding garden asparagus in 1980 with related species including the asparagus fern, sprengeri, a well-known cousin of the vegetable.

When sprengeri proved unamenable to cross breeding with its garden variety cousin, McCollum began crossing the vegetable strain with wild asparagus.

While he has not yet succeeded in introducing crown rot resistance, his experiments produced a new asparagus variation decorative and droopy enough to fill a hanging basket while still producing edible stalks.

The new asparagus resembles the ornamental sprengeri, but it has an advantage as a house plant because it does not shed a shower of needles with every change of light or missed watering, a problem sprengeri owners know well, McCollum said.

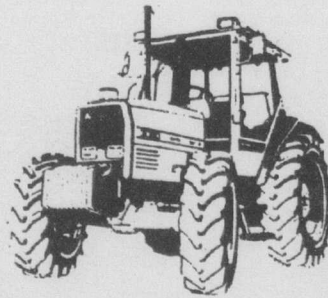
McCollum said his new asparagus is a hearty plant that will grow continuously indoors, although it could have a tendency to become pot bound. "And it will survive the winter outdoors, although the foliage will die down and then come back."



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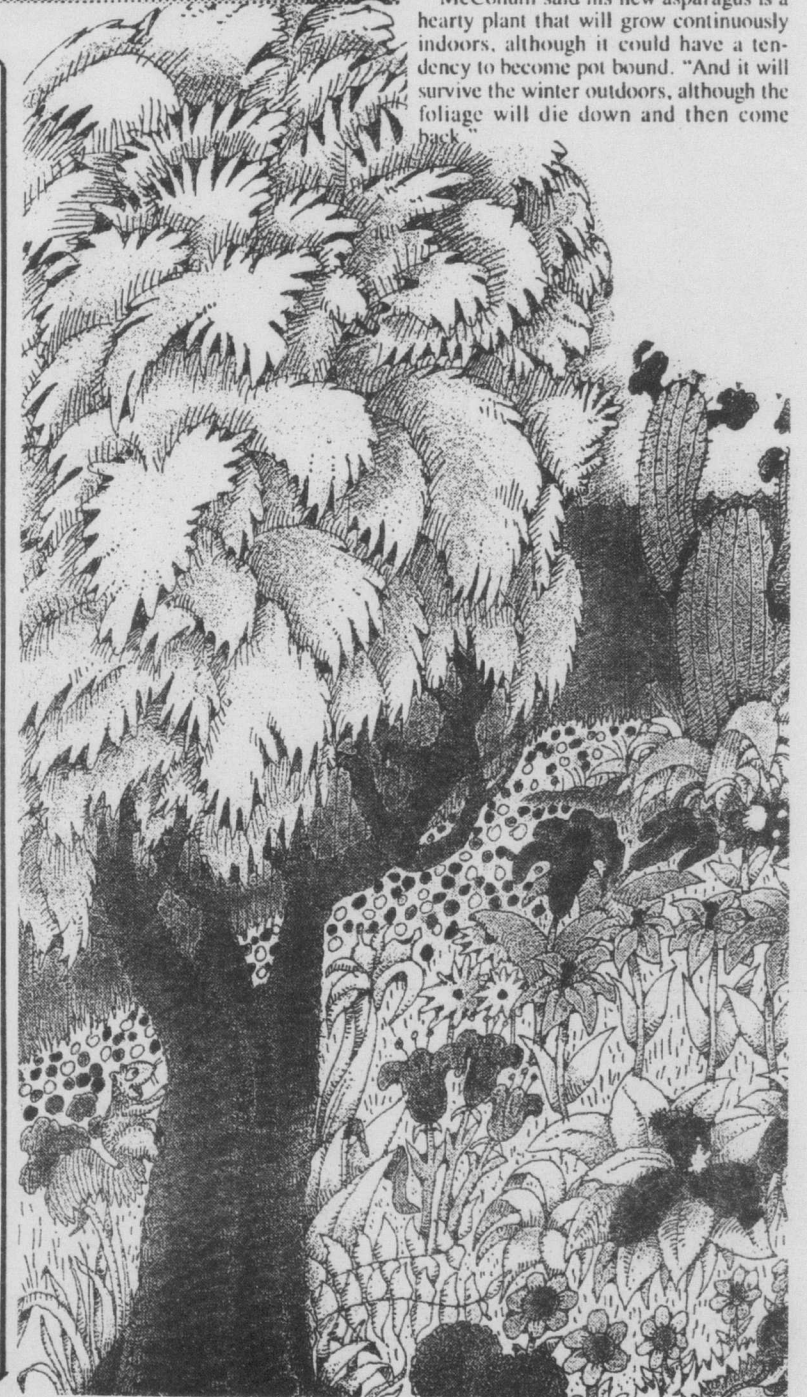
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Spring cleanup tip: Turn yard and garden debris into attractive chips and rich compost



FROM HEAVY BRANCHES to leaves and lawn clippings, a good garden shredder makes yard cleanup fast, clean and economical. This versatile Chipp'r/Shredd'r/Mulch'r™ from Vornado operates standing up or lying on its side.

It's amazing how much debris even a small piece of property can produce over the course of a year. Spring is the time when most homeowners take a look around and size up the damage.

The inventory may include storm-felled branches and old autumn leaves, last year's tomato vines and perennial flower stalks, piles of lawn clippings and thatch, tree and shrub prunings... organic refuse of every description.

Getting rid of this mess used to mean hard labor or bringing in expensive outside help.

A good garden shredder—a machine that grinds up garden waste—will quickly pay for itself in time and money saved.

Shredders reduce organic debris to a fraction of its original volume for easy, clean disposal. Shredded leaves, grass clippings and other lightweight material can also be turned into soil-enriching compost.

The better machines have the capacity to chip wood. Fallen limbs and tree prunings can be quickly recycled into attractive chips for pathways and borders, and for around ornamental plantings.

Perhaps the most versatile garden shredder currently on the market is Vornado's Chipp'r/Shredd'r/Mulch'r™. Available in electric or gas-powered models, it operates standing or lying on its side. This permits the operator to rake debris directly into the machine's hopper where a suction device draws it in.

A special mulching screen can be inserted when extra-fine shredding is de-

sired. All processed material is caught in a heavy-duty nylon bag which is included.

Best of all, wheels and handgrips make the machine easily portable to go where the job is.

The electric Chipp'r/Shredd'r/Mulch'r is powered by a 110v, 15-amp motor. It's intended for the average-sized suburban property, and is available at retail chain stores.

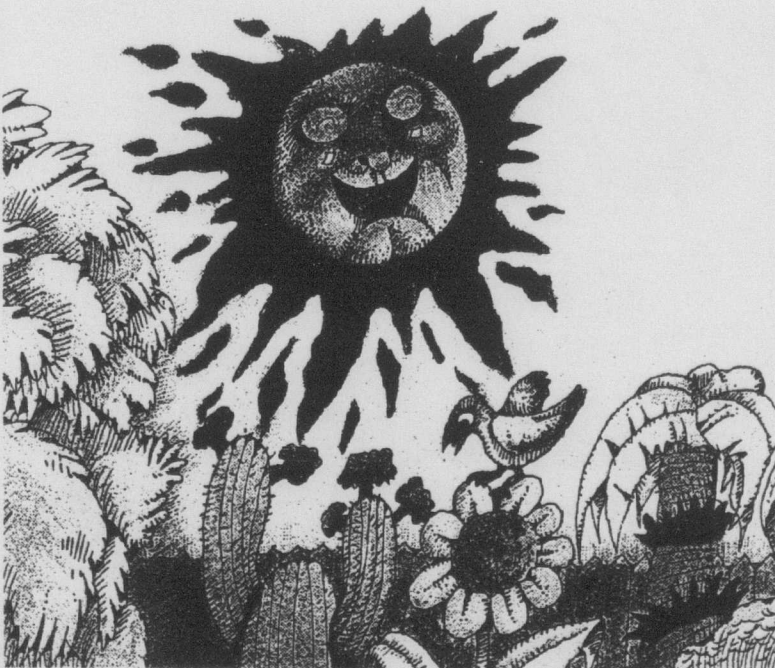
Homeowners with bigger yards and bigger cleanup jobs may want to consider the more powerful gasoline-engine version, available from outdoor power equipment dealers.

Shredder-owners will soon come to appreciate the wonders of compost and mulch. Leaves, kitchen wastes, grass clippings, thatch and other light material break down into rich compost most efficiently after shredding.

Compost, or "brown-gold," is invaluable in the garden, and comes in handy when reseeding bare patches in the lawn. It's easy to make, clean and odorless, and it costs nothing, because it uses your own yard's by-products.

Heavier, woody material makes attractive, fragrant chips for use around trees and shrubs, in flower borders and pathways.

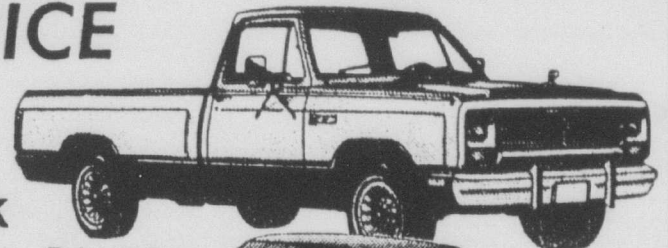
Spread about two inches deep, wood chip mulch keeps weeds down, maintains soil moisture and even temperature, and gives definition to the landscape design.



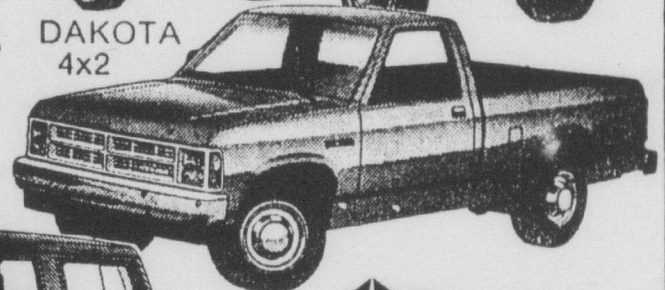
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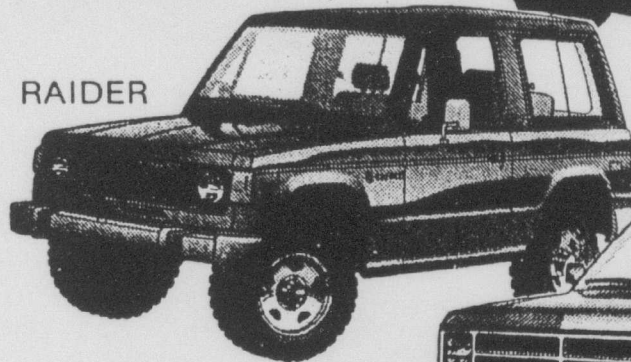
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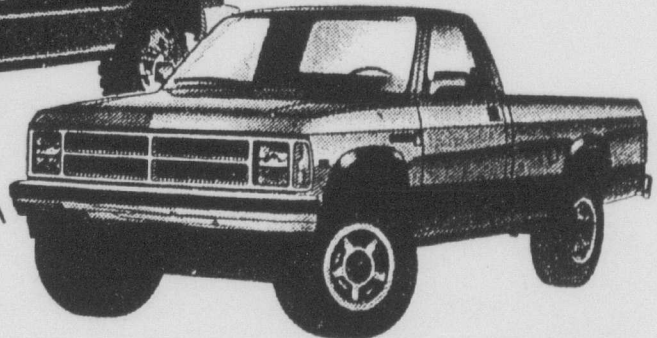
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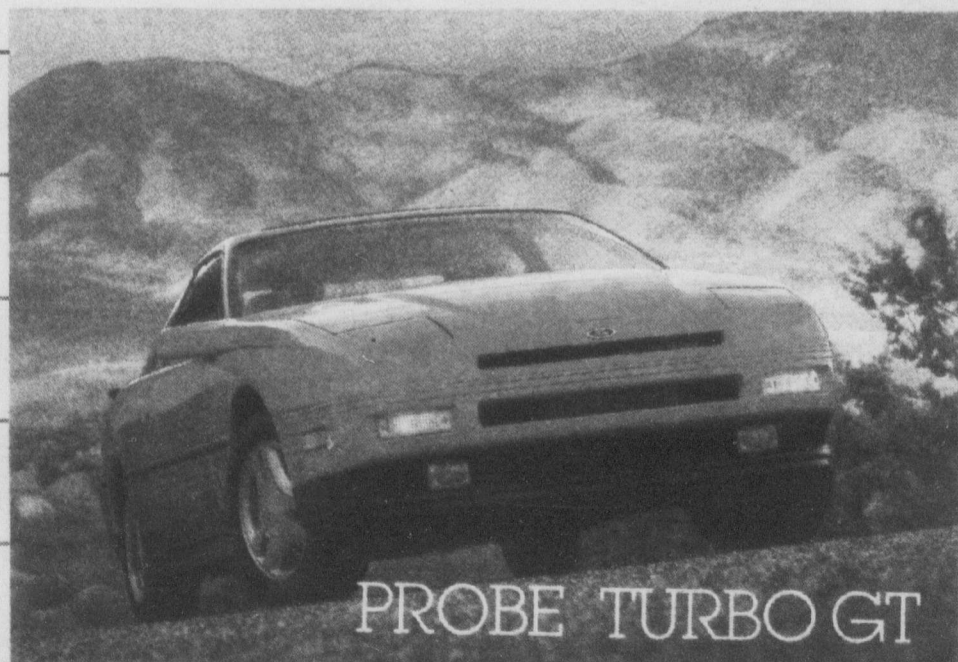
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