

Autumn Is Prime Time For Landscaping Work

Autumn is an excellent time to install landscaping. Trees and shrubs planted between Labor Day and Halloween will have a chance to adjust to their new soil and climate during winter months and will, therefore, be thriving by the following spring.

Autumn is, in fact, preferable to spring as a planting season, because plants don't have to endure the heat and dryness of the summer months while they are trying to gain a hold in their new surroundings. On the other hand, the cold and wetness of winter allow them to get almost a full season's root growth.

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The Green Thumb
By GEORGE ABRAHAM

Starting a compost pile: Each year many gardeners take out of their soils more nutrients than they add to it. They also remove organic matter (humus) the backbone of any soil.

Humus is the jelly-like substance derived from organic sources such as leaves, lawn clippings, sawdust, evergreen needles, coffee grounds, tea leaves, table scraps and dozens of similar materials.

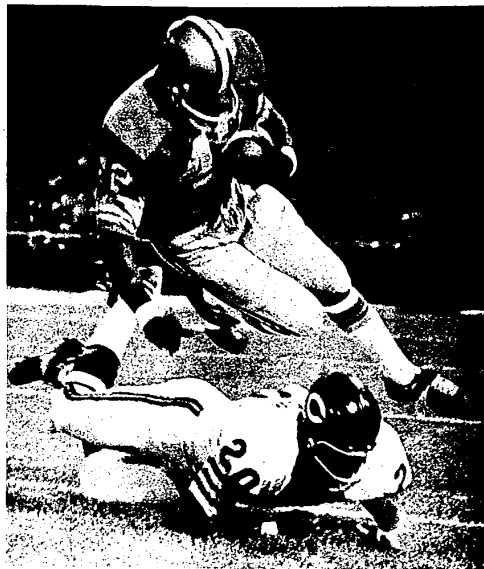
Instead of discarding such items, why not help fight pollution by placing them in a compost pile?

You can make your own compost pile by putting up a couple rows of cement blocks in back of the garage or some other inconspicuous spot where it can be screened off by plants.

Add materials above as they become available; depressing the center to catch rainwater. From time to time add some liquid plant food (such as 23-19-17), or a dry plant food that's balanced.

Extra plant food (we like the liquid fortifier) the compost and hastens decay. A liberal sprinkling of lime from time to time is also helpful in breaking down the materials.

Don't burn your leaves in fall. They make one of the best compost materials. A ton of them is worth about \$10 in nutrients alone, to say nothing of their importance in adding humus to the soil. Leafmold (rotted leaves) has a



HURDLING BEAR TACKLER is Detroit Lions' Al Taylor as he gets loose for a 40-yard gain during Monday's sellout game in Tiger Stadium. The Lions won 28-14 for their third straight in league competition. Chicago's Joe Taylor (20) tried to make a block-tackle but the Lions' halfback went all the way to the 18-yard line before he was stopped. (Observer photo by Vince Witke)

Last Rose Of Summer Most Beautiful Of All

Some say the roses of fall are prettier — have richer colors. They say this is due to the shorter days and the difference in the rays of the sun. Others prefer the longer, moist stems and larger flowers frequently found in the spring. One thing is certain. The rose is high on the list of most-liked flowers in the United States and even the novice gardener can have a steady supply of roses, either in the garden or as cut flowers indoors, pretty well throughout the year.

Push-button sprays are ideal for spot spraying of individual plants or stems, which may be all that is necessary in the fall. The best time to use these sprays is in early morning or late afternoon, when the air is calm. There is less chance then of the spray being blown away and wasted.

When using push-button sprays, be sure that the nozzle is kept at least 18 inches from the foliage. This applies to roses and all other plants as well. In that way, possible damage to the leaves from the propellant in the can (not from the insecticide) is prevented.

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