### Suggestions for a perennial bed

This is the time of year to plan and begin work on a perennial bed to enjoy for many seasons.

After you have decided upon the location and have outlined it with a rope or garden base, the question arises, "How do I remove all this grass?"

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There are several methods. The first is to remove the tird with a flat spade. It is a long and tedlous job, but it can be done.

A bonus from this is marvelous compost, which is made by pling the turf, face down, in layers, and watering it well. In approximately a year the whole pile will be transformed into compost.

Another method is to cover the grass with black plastic and let the bot sun "cook" the grass to death. Then the matter of separating the grass from the sod will just take a bit of time.

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FROM THE book "Easy Care Percanials," by Patriela A. Tayler (Fireside, \$22.95 cloth, \$12.95 paper), we find that although many people think that percanial gardens are no work, they do indeed require upkeep and careful planning. Many percanial plants can be started from seeds. But most of us are in too much of a burry to wait, so the next best thing is either to find

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Many perennial plants can be started from

friends who have extra plants or to buy the plants. The suggestions that follow are easy-to-grow ones. Your nursery will have others from which to choose.

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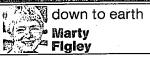
For early spring bloom where sun appears before the trees leaf out, early spring bulbs can be planted. Later, flowers such as bleeding heart, bishop's hat (Epimedium Grandiflorum) and Virginia bluebell will fill in.

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From May through June, belliflower, candytuft, chives (chive vinegar is so pretty and easy to make), columbine, coral bells, feras, forgiove (the heart medicine plant), hostas, iris, lamb's ears (Stachys byzanitian), peony, phlox and sundrops (Oenothera Fruitleosa) will make a neetty show.

SUMMER BLOOMING easy-care perennials may include Aster firkartil, astilbe, (which comes in many ment), the balloon flower (Platyrodon grandilforus), bee halm (the source for itea after the Boston Tea Party), black-eyed Susan, butterfly weed (Asclepias tuberosa — please don't gather if from the wild, but buy it from a nursery that propagates its own), coreopsis, the ever lovely dayling and the tiger illy.

Others are feverfew, lythrum (hasn't it been pretty this summer?), purple coneflower, rose campion and



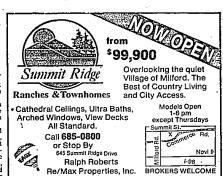
yarrows. The achilles debutante (yarrow) is gracing my flower bed now and will for many years to come. Colors range from Ivory-cream, yellow and gold, to shades of pink, salmon, illac, purple and orange: This yarrow is a new one from Park Seeds Inc.

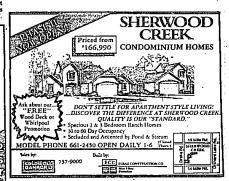
For fall, anemone (Anemone vitl-folia "robustissima") sports a white fulf that appears when the zeed pods open and can be used in dried orrangements. The New York sale of the dediction in the seed of the color of the color

KNOW THE site and consider sun, shade, drainage. A soil test can be

done at this time of year without much delay. The County Extension Centers can provide information. A perennial bed may not be at its best for a couple of years, but the wait is well worth the lovely garden that will emerge.

If you need to know where to find perennial plants of any description, Brooklyn Betanic Garden has just released "A Nursery Source Manual" (1419, but \$1.50 postage). The address is 1000 Washington Ave, Brooklyn NY, 11225. It is divided into sections for plants suitable for specific areas of the garden. A hort description is given for all plants listed, which is an education in itself.





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