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Water Trees Well for Survival

A few dollars added to the home water bill may save a hundred in valuable landscape plantings. During the extended dry period this summer, newly-planted trees are particularly threatened.

The advice comes from Prof. Harold Davidson of Michigan State University's Department of Horticulture. He notes that unless young trees get ample water during periods of drought, they can die rather quickly.

Trees lose water through transpiration of the leaves and soil moisture is lost by evaporation. Home owners can do something about both.

Prof. Davidson notes that it's good business to wrap the trunk of a young tree to conserve moisture. The outer bark on young trees is very thin and can soon dry out - and the result will be a dead tree.

Toads Are Help In Whipping Insect Problem

For a garden free of insect pests a toad is the cheapest insect killer you can get.

Toads will be happy in a shady part of your garden if you provide homes of bluish clay or stone. They like to hide under stones, logs, or other objects to provide an entrance.

Since they absorb water through their skins, the toads will also need water proof clay saucers in their shady retreats.

One toad can account for as many as 10,000 cutworms, slugs and other pests over a summer.

Gravel Required

When setting fence posts, be sure to place two inches of fine gravel in the bottom of each post hole to insure good drainage.

Kitchen-Patio Shelf Eases Serving Task

Here's a simple project to make entertaining on the patio easier than ever.

Design your kitchen window as a pass-through. All that's needed is a serving counter built directly beneath the window so that refreshments can be lifted through the window and on to the counter.

Douglas fir 2x4s will make a handy serving counter. If desirable, the counter can be attached to the house with a piano hinge so that it can be folded down flat against the wall when not in use.

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Plan Fall Feeding As Aid to Grass

No one has to argue these days about the benefits lawns derive from fertilizer. Yet many people get the urge to feed the lawn in spring, then forget it the rest of the year.

Matter of fact, if there's any one season when fertilization is apt to do the most good, it is autumn.

Of course this partly depends upon the kind of lawn - whether temperate or subtropical. The elite northern grasses, not the zoysias and bermudagrasses, are greatest beneficiaries from feeding during cool weather.

If your lawn is mainly Kentucky bluegrass, or if it includes fine fescues (such as Chewings, Pennlawn, etc.) or if it is of Highland bentgrass, autumn is the time to lay on the plant food.

For one thing, Kentucky bluegrass and its peers replenish their larders best in cooler weather. Energy made by green leaves is hoarded, not exhausted so quickly as it is during hot weather.

Fertility enough for deep, dense green leafage in autumn puts strength into essential roots, and underground spreading rhizomes that weave a tight sod. And there won't be much risk of "burning" in cool weather, either.

It's natural for bluegrass lawns not to grow lushly in cold weather. Bluegrass does develop shorter leaves in autumn because the days turn shorter, regardless of fertility.

Color Trend Has White Top Choice

What is the color of things to come, housewife?

If you're choosing a new color for the outside of your house, you may be interested to learn that white remains the most popular exterior color, but that other colors are gaining increased acceptance.

Manufacturers of pre-finished mineral fiber siding, for example, report that white accounts for about half the sales both in new construction and remodeling. They also report that beige, green and gray rank high in acceptance among the many primary colors and pastel shades now available. These colors are part of a tough acrylic plastic finish, which is bonded to the siding during manufacture.

Paint manufacturers also report the continued preponderance of white in volume sales, with gray next in preference. They note that exterior colors are normally more conservative than those used for interior decorating, and that trends fluctuate in a gentler pattern.

Bench in Yard Ideal for Toys

If your yard is often cluttered with children's outdoor toys, a good autumn building project would be a storage bench.

A storage bench is built like an old-time window seat—a box with hinged lid and a front that slants comfortably inward to allow tuck-back space for feet.

The best place for it is right on the patio, but against the house wall and snugged under the eaves where it will have maximum protection from weather. Douglas fir and white fir are top woods to use for the project.

Everyone will love the storage bench, adults for its convenient seating space and the kids for its use as a private treasure box. The storage bench will also be an attractive addition, breaking the harsh line that usually occurs between patio paving and house wall.

Blue Grasses Relish Rains of Autumn

Noted lawngrasses, such as Kentucky bluegrass, fine fescues and the better bentgrasses, mostly set seed in late spring, which matures through summer.

In nature such seed falls to the soil, and is "planted" before good autumn growing weather comes. The system is successful for very good reasons.

First of all, these excellent grasses relish cool weather, do their best autumn and spring.

An autumn start provides plenty of time for thickening to a tight sod, and for roots to grow deeply, before exhausting summer weather comes.

Then too, cool weather weeds are comparatively few and less cantankerous. There won't be a threat of ergrasses until next April or May!

An autumn seedling escapes the worst weed competition.

There are other favorable factors, too—warm soil, that speeds up sprouting; gentle, penetrating rains most years; less drying out of the seedbed, because the days are shorter and cooler than in summer.

It's hard to miss in getting a good stand of grass, if you seed your lawn in autumn with a good seed mixture.

Kentucky bluegrasses and fine fescues are at their best then.

Empty Egg Carton For Bulb Storage

An empty egg carton is fine for storing gladioli bulbs.

Place one bulb to each compartment.

Use only one color in each carton and label.

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Create Space In Basement

You can get a lot of mileage from a basement "ree room" if it's properly compartmentalized.

The idea is to build in storage for every need, but in such a way that use areas are created and defined by built-ins.

For example, there might be a wall of cabinets and exposed shelving for a book-and-music corner.

There might be a work table with additional cabinets to form a hobby center.

A refreshment counter and auxiliary kitchen can be built into one corner of the room; clothes closets and perhaps a closet for a Murphy bed could go into another corner to make guest sleeping quarters.

All built-ins can be matched decoratively with ponderosa pine lower doors.

The kitchen corner and full-size closets in the sleeping nook can be the same lower doors, out of a folding stile that are suspended on a ceiling track.

Paint the built-ins a clear, light shade to bring sunshine into the basement, and use an area rug on the floor in a strong, warm color.

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