#### End Need For Bags Of Garbage

Do arguments frequently flare up at your house about "whose turn it is to take out the garbage?" If so, the answer is an electric food waste disposer.

disposer.
, This compact appliance is attached to the waste line beneath your kitchen slak, To use it, you simply feed the waste down the drain, turn on the cold water and flick a wall; switch. The waste is shredded, pulverized and washed away in the sewage system.

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Since the disposer is so compact, it takes up little of that valuable storage space beneath the sink, it's also eco-nomical to operate. The qual-ity disposer is virtually am-free, too, and has a sound-absorbing jacket that reduces noise. In addition, it is self-cleaning.

You don't have to worry about your pipe clogging either. Research has shown that the scouring action actually helps to keep pipes clear.

Food waste disposers are Food waste disposers are among the most popular gifts for mom. More than 12,000-000 women now own them, but they're a boon to the whole family because the quantity of garbage is so sharply reduced

## Yard Safety Is Important

You may face danger in your own backyard unless you vow to be "safety-conscious" this spring, advises a Michigan State University Cooperative Exten-sion specialist.

sion specialist.

Mowing the grass, children playing in the yard and using chemicals for garden weeds all signal danger.

Richard Pfister, MSU agri-

or for the first time this year.

"CASE THE JOINT," he
says, Take an extra minute
to gather toys, rocks, wires
and other objects that are easily caught in the blade and
thrown.

"Check the hardware." Before you begin check if the
blade is sharp and the fuel
tank is filled.

Pfister says, "Two's
arowd." Little children should
not be around while you mow.
He adds, "Dress untit to
kill." Summertime is great for
toging barefoot jand wearing
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shorts but Pfister reminds you to be practical and protect your-self by wearing shoes and slacks.

"Mow with your head," he advises. The mower should al-ways be stopped while unattend-

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PROTECT SMALL children from busy driveways by fenc-ing in a play area located away from the driveway. He recommends that you help drive-ers by trimming shrubs to in-sure good visibility in drive-ways.

sure good visuous ways.

To complete your spring yard safety routine, Pflster reminds you to be cautious with weed and insect chemicals. Read labels carefully. Use the chemicals in a well-locked cabinet and dispose of the empty containers immediately.

#### Act Now To Assure Lawn

One the lost some for good, and you can see what you're working with, it's time to take initial steps to get the lawn back into shape.

First remove old grass and debris accumulated since you put the lawn to bed last fall. Old, matted grass will shut off sumshine and water. Give the lawn its cleaning as early, as possible, before the first sign of greening.

possible, before the irrs sign of greening.

Perhaps the simplest way to clean its with a rotary mover that cuts, vacuums and bags debris, If you use an ordinary power mower, rake the lawn first; with a broomtype rake, A sharp-toothed rake will uproof new grass.

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From the soil. This loosens from a compacted by winter and thus blocks water and flood from penetrating to plant rocts.

Fertilizing is next. Use one containing nitrogen, phosphorous and potash-10-6-4-ora another abundant with nitrogen from a containing nitrogen, phosphorous and potash-10-6-4-ora another abundant with nitrogen for interest and an extra feeding of nitrogen is like a vital nitrogen is good practice, but mis shot, Follow directions on the fertilizer bag.

Generally, watering after a feeding is good practice, but some fertilizer recipes advise against immediale watering.

Single-application chemicals are available to control weeds, insects and disease.

If thin or bare spots have developed in your lawn, clear the damaged areas, rake vig county to loosen the soot new seed. Rake after respecting to come; the seed and roll the area to plant the seed firmly in soil. Check soil closely, Slice some soil absorbs water more eadily than others, apply water mor

### Restrictions On DDT Applauded

Conservation Director Raph
A MacMullan this week ap-plauded as a "great step for-ward" the State Agriculture Department's decision to drop the state of the state wertise the use of DDT for mosquite, control on labels of products they market in Michi-san.

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The labeling restriction took effect April 8, and insecticide manufacturers have been given 30 days to change the wording on their containers in line with this new order.

After May 8, they will be guilty of michranding in this state if their labels still recommend DDT for mesquito control.

THE DEPARTMENT of Agriculture reported that it was
tightening down on this particular use of DIT because "research (at Michigan State University) has proved that mosquitoes may be effectively controlled by other chemicals with
less; residual effects," its new
ruling does not affect other
DDT uses.

Action to restrict thal shelling
of DIT products for imosquito
control draw these words from
Conservation DITe c to MacMullan:

Conservation Director Mac-Mullan:

"The Department of Agricul-ture has acted in the publics best interest and its decision marks a great step forward in heiping to break down that phase of the environmental pollution problem posed by the wholesale use of 'hard' posticides."

"WE APPLAUD that depart-ment for its forthright action. It reflects some real far-sightedness."

#### New Cucumber Produces More On Fewer Vines 'Cook-Out' Floral Tips

For the past deade the word "gynoeclous", imening fomale, has been in common use among commercial vegetable growers. This year the home gardener needs to become acquainted with it because the only 1988 All-America. Selections prize-winning vegetable is a hybrid, gynoeclous cucumber named Spartan Valor. To the home gardener, growing this new variety will mean plenty of cucumbers from fewer vines using less space because flowers, thus bears more fruits, ordinary cucumber varieties always produce more male flowers, thus bears more fruits, ordinary cucumber varieties always produce more male flowers, the male flowers can often fruits of the product of the produc If you're having friends in for a 'cook-out' this spring, try an unusual do-11-yourself flower' arrangement that promises to surprise and de-

flower's arrangement that promises to supprise and delight your guests, and to help promises to supprise and delight your guests, and to help make your patio dimer a long-remembered affair.

Arrange a must of brilliant spring flowers in, a load of French bread Simply hollow it out, like the Inside with alum with blobs of a commercial foam flower holder presaturated with water, the Society of American Florists suggests. Then insert flower stems into the foam holders and add water. As a finishing touch, use any big green follage—such as large magnolial seaves—to form a decorative mat under the French bread, the Society adds. The flowers will stay beautifully fresh for days, hence this unustial arrangement can serve "double-duty" outside and in-side, your home, the Society 3295.

### New Lawn Variety Released

A new, superior lawn and turt variety has been released by Michigan State University? Agricultural Experiment Station. But as good as this variety is, scientists who developed it believe they can do a lot better.

The variety, Wintergreen, is a superior red fescue with wice the density of Penniawn, is much tarker green and is well adapted to shaded conditions. Best of all, it produces good turf with minimum fertilizer and water.

Space For Storage

Can Be Doubled Can Be Doubled
It is possible to double the
space for storage in an average
home. Consider building in
storage behind doors, in dead
corners, beside and below windows, over the lavatory, bathtub, and hallway, across old
end walls, beside a fireplace,
and between rooms in the form
of dividers. If lined with
aromatic red cedar, this space
provides moth-repellent storage for out-of-season clothes.

The most deleate touch of a fingerity on a single leafiet of a sensitive plant is sufficient to cause that leaflet to fold up in response. Run the tip of a finger down the stem from which leaflets grow and all of them collapse, face to face; one against another; lift the stem, to matter how gently, and it will instantly bend downward.

The person who named the sensitive plant Mimosa pudica in botanical leafin must have sensitive plant Mimosa, pudica in botanical leafin must have mosa come of humor for Mimosa come of humor for Mimosa come of humor for Mimosa come and the first word "mimos", an actor, while pudica means modest. A modest actor it is indeed—retreating at a touch.



form fruits when planted alone, seeds of a mile encumber are mixed with those of Spartan This way of hybridizing, by the seeds of a mile encumber are mixed with those of Spartan This way of hybridizing, by the seeds of seeds of

### Delicate Flowers Need Care

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