



HEDGE TRIMMING in semi-darkness is unsafe and leads to other unsafe moves. This man is hurrying and overreaching. It's between showers and operating electrical power tools in wetness should be avoided. The poorly positioned extension cord could be cut or severed and serious injury result.

## Prospects are good for canning supplies

There's good news for Michigan home canners according to Lorette Trimm, marketing information specialist for the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Larger quantities of canning supplies are being manufactured in anticipation of another season of strong consumer demand.

Talking to representatives of both major manufacturers of home canning supplies, Bpili Corporation and Kerr Glass Manufacturing Corporation, I learned efforts are being made to increase production and avoid shortages. Mrs. Trimm said. "Also, more companies are entering the field and this should help ease the situation."

One representative told me his company already has made large shipments to major retail chains and wholesalers in Michigan.

If you're planning to can this year, Mrs. Trimm suggested, "contact your local source of supply and place an order as soon as possible. To help stretch supplies, purchase only the amount you need."

Forrest Strand, MDA marketing chief says, "One of the main reasons for supply shortages last year was insufficient raw material, such as steel tin plate for lids and the chemical

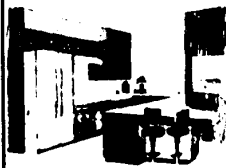
soda ash for the manufacture of glass jars."

Another reason was the upsurge of home gardening and canning activities to fight rising food costs.

The raw material situation is better. However, consumer demand has soared and is more difficult to ascertain.

Demand is controlled somewhat by regional growing conditions," explains Strand. "If weather is favorable, home gardening and major crop production are likely to be outstanding, causing a boom in home canning activity."

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