

# Care, Soil Preparation Cut Moving Day Shock

Moving seedlings from the pots in which they were growing indoors or from the row in the garden in which they were grown is a major operation—not for you but for the plants. First make certain that the soil in the area in which you want to plant them is ready to receive them.

This means that the soil has been turned, any unbreakable clods discarded, the particles made fine enough so they will come in contact with the hair-

like plant roots and some form of organic matter added.

THIS MIGHT be compost from your compost pile or a readily-available produce like peat moss. Work it into the top few inches of soil.

Scatter a commercial fertilizer over the soil surface and cultivate it lightly into the soil. This will furnish the nutrient needed for good early growth. The night before you intend to transplant, do two things: water

the area in which you expect to set the plants and water the plants. Preferably water plants with a solution of one of the wilt-reducing, root-growth inducing plant hormones.

Try to choose a cloudy day to transplant seedlings. If this is impossible, then move them in early evening or prepare to shade them for several days.

TAKE GREAT CARE to disturb or break as few roots as possible. Dig a hole large

enough to accommodate the roots and still leave soft earth around them.

Firm the soil around the roots as you hold the plant in one hand. Fill the hole nearly full, firm again. Water the cup you've left at the top of the hole.

If you didn't use the hormone solution, use a starter solution now. This is easily made by mixing a handful of any complete fertilizer with a 2 1/2 or three gallon pail or watering can filled with water.

This solution gives the seedlings a quick source of nourishment and helps them get over the shock of being transplanted.

## Talk Area Suggested

When two or more get together, there's bound to be conversation, especially if the setting and mood are appropriate. With the heightened interest people are showing in current events, they are talking more and more. In the home, it's the wise family that makes conversations easy by providing comfortable seating and a relaxed informal "format" that readily loosens tongues.

Any home can have a "conversation corner." Sometimes it's merely a matter of arranging furniture or adding to the seating, according to John Concord, home improvement consultant to Masonite Corporation. "For a warm-looking background that is both attractive and informal, here's nothing better than a few panels of an attractive textured hardboard," Concord says. "These can be put up in an evening by the home owner. They'll serve as a handsome backdrop for a 'conversation corner.'"



BOUQUETS FROM THE GARDEN for use indoors are one of the rewards a gardener receives. There are many places in the house that a bouquet will beautify.

## Bouquets Will Blend With Color Scheme

One of the great joys of gardening is being able to pick flowers from the garden for use in the house.

The table in the entrance hall, the dining room table, the mantelpiece, all are places that would look better with the addition of a bouquet.

Some people like mixed bouquets -- a medley of all the kinds of flowers that happen to be in bloom on a particular day.

IF THE MANY colors disturb you, consider a bouquet that is a mixture of flowers but only uses a single color or, perhaps two colors that blend or contrast.

Thus you could make a bouquet of only yellow flowers (zinnias, marigolds, celosias,

snappdragons) or one of yellow and orange flowers (blending colors). For contrast you might pick tall spikes of yellow snapdragons, then add bunches (made up in your hand and inserted that way into the container) of blue cornflowers.

The coloring of your bouquet will, of course blend with the color scheme of the room in which you wish to place it.

WORKING backwards from this means that the colors of at least some of the flowers you grow should be those that suit your indoor schemes.

The world of annual flowers is so vast, the possibilities of color combinations so enormous that you'll have no trouble at all finding varieties which you can grow from seeds to look well in both garden and house.

## Builders Ask Forest Funds

National Assn. of Home Builders has joined the wood industry in a strong plea to Congress to increase the harvest of mature timber as a key step toward meeting rising needs for housing.

The national forests contain more than half the nation's saw-timber, yet they now yield only one-third of the logs that go into lumber and plywood.

NAHB recently asked that the U.S. Forest Service be allowed to use more of its own revenues for more roads and more intensive tree-growing practices, such as planting, thinning and fertilizing.

Forest Service Chief Edward Cliff told the Senate that allowable cuttings could -- in time -- be boosted by about two-thirds, if government would invest in a top continuous forestry effort.

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Potatoes can be rubbed with butter or cooking oil for added flavor. Cook them in their skins on a barbecue rack, or wrap them in foil and place them among the glowing briquet coals. Turn once with tongs.

Cooking time may vary from 30 minutes to an hour.

Automobile accidents in 1967 injured more than 4,400,000 persons on America's highways. Driver error, according to annual statistics, was responsible for more than 80 per cent of last year's highway casualties.

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facilities to bring in a sod crop. The seed that launched it must be precisely the grasses specified, without contaminating weeds. A few cents saving on cut-rate seed could jeopardize thousands of dollars worth of sod.

A homeowner preferring to seed his lawn himself benefits from these high standards. He can procure equally as high quality a seed blend as long as he doesn't look for it in a

bargain basement. With any lawn, the cost of the seed is relatively inconsequential, compared to the labor spent in creating the turf.

In fact, at average prices, a purchaser of good lawnseed gets more than 10,000 square feet for a penny, sufficient for nearly 10 square feet of lawn. Ten feet of green carpet for a penny! You can afford top quality seed because it's really the most economical.

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