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Guidelines for disposal of DDT products by Michigan residents have been established. The guidelines were set up following action by the Michigan Commission of Agriculture April 16 cancelling registration of DDT products in the state.

Included are specific directions for homeowners, commercial, agricultural and municipal users of DDT.

Preparation of the guidelines was a joint project of the Michigan Departments of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Public Health, in cooperation with Michigan State University.

Homeowners are advised: To get rid of DDT (dichloro diphenyl trichloroethane) products such as aerosol bombs, liquid sprays, powders, and dusts, bury them on your own property. If each homeowner does so, these products will be safely dispersed and will reduce dangerous concentrations of DDT and other toxic materials at public disposal sites. By law, ingredients are listed on the label.

1. Select a place away from trees and other desirable shrubs or plants and at least 50 feet from any well or surface water such as a lake, stream, pond, or drain.
2. Dig a hole deep enough to cover the DDT products and containers with three feet of dirt.
3. Aerosol (pressurized) cans should not be punctured but put in the hole intact.
4. Glass and metal containers should be opened and put in the hole tilted down to allow drainage. The glass should not be broken.
5. Bags and boxes should be buried intact.
6. The hole should not be left open. It should be filled with three feet of dirt immediately.

The only exception to the above recommendation is if the water table on your property is less than five feet below the ground. (If you do not know your underground water level, call your local health department.) If the water table on your property is less than five feet below the ground, your health department will advise you what to do.

Note: DDT and other toxic products should not be flushed down the toilet, poured down

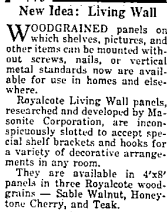
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Available at lumber and building materials yards with the panels are Sandstone Gold metal shelf brackets for easy insertion into the slotted grooves. Royalco's Sable Walnut shelves in four sizes, and special picture hooks.

The Green Thumb
By GEORGE ABRAHAM

We hear a lot about thatch in lawns these days, and many homeowners blame their grass troubles on the presence of thatch. Thatch is an accumulation of clippings, hairy roots, stems, etc., which build up like thatch on a native shack in Africa.

Heavy thatch, acting like a roof, sheds off water (rain), keeps air out of the root zone, causing the roots to start growing up into the "thatch roof". That's why you often see grass growing out of the spouty material, instead of in the soil.

The old-fashioned bluegrass, modestly attended, didn't thatch much, and soon struck a balance whereby decay from below matched conditions from above.

Today, we use dense varieties like Merion, and fertilize them heavily, and to make it even worse, we even add

fungicides (which may clog out the decay bugs as well as disease).

What to do about thatch? If you're a busy person, I'd say forget it. Some gardeners attempt to get rid of thatch by ripping it out with a so-called "vertical mower" — routing blades slicing into the turf like a buzz saw. Or you can approach the problem biologically, trying to reduce build-up and hasten decay.

Farmers, humidity, air, promoting enough nitrogen for the soil organisms, etc., all Thatch not only removes some of it physically, but facilitates aerobic action. You can rent a dethatching machine. As for me, I wouldn't worry about it.

DO EARWIGS BUG YOU? If you've got earwigs — those ugly pests with a pair of pincers on back — try this trick for eradicating them: Take a piece of cloth (a towel, shirt, undershirt, etc.) and hang it on a base of a tree, putting several pieces all over, about 18 inches above ground. About twice a week take a pail half full of hot water and just scrape the earwigs off with your hand, and the hot water does rest. Don't shake the cloths as you'll lose a lot. You can even dip the rag into the pail. Some readers tell us they've caught hundreds of earwigs this way.

THE GREEN THUMB CLINIC: A reader writes: "Please let me know how we can start our own shrubs."

Answer: You can start them by cuttings, division and by "layering." Also many can be started by seeds. Cuttings four inches long can be inserted into a bed of moist sand, covered with a plastic sheet.

To start a shrub by layering, all you do is to take a branch and bend it so it touches the soil either at the end or in the middle. Then you make a small cut (slanted) on upper side, pin or peg the branch to soil level and then cover with extra soil.

As soon as the roots form (three to six months or longer) you can cut the rooted portion away from the parent plant, dig up the newly rooted plant and set it out. Some gardeners take cuttings and root them in a plastic bag full of peatmoss. Keep it moist and the bag acts like a miniature greenhouse, hastening rooting.

There Is A Difference In Juices

The temperature is in the 90's and the sun is parching your throat; you reach out for a cool drink of (a) orange juice (b) orangeade (c) orange drink (d) orange flavored drink (e) imitation orange drink.

The difference is clearly spelled out in Michigan law according to B. Dale Hall, director, Michigan Department of Agriculture.

HIS DEPARTMENT'S Food Inspection division administers Michigan's law which defines the various fruit-type drinks like this:

- Fruit juice is 100 percent juice with no additional water added. Artificial flavorings or colorings are not allowed in this product.
- Fruitade contains a minimum of 25 percent juice.
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