

Grilles Add Elegant Air

Elegance should appear to be effortless -- so much the better. Removable vinyl grilles are an elegant feature that gives windows a divided - light appearance without the maintenance chores normally associated with small panes.

The grilles snap into place over the inside glass surface.

Inside Wall Best Place For Humidifier

Where is the best place for a portable humidifier in a multi-story house?

According to humidifier experts, a portable humidifier should be placed on the first floor near a warm inside wall facing the stairwell. It should be positioned at least six inches from the wall to allow for proper air circulation.

A humidifier placed on an upstairs floor will not be as effective since moist, warm air will rise.

Experts also point out that a humidifier should not be placed against an outside wall since the temperature there is not typical of the temperature in the house as a whole. As a result, it could throw off the automatic humidistat.



Now that your cannaes are dug, better wait until spring to divide the roots. Dust them lightly with sulfur and place them in a wooden box lined with moist peat moss. Store them in a cool, dark cellar where freezing isn't likely.

Take a peek at them every now and then to see if any roots are rotting, or shriveling. If the peat moss is dried, add a little water. In the spring you can divide the roots by cutting them with a sharp knife, making sure that each division has one good eye on a husky piece of rootstock.

Next spring, or earlier--about mid-February, start the roots up in four-inch clay pots, using a mixture of sand, peat and loam.

Dahlias can be stored in quite the same way you do cannaes. Keep the roots in a cellar where temperature is around 40 degrees or so. Any storage that will keep potatoes will keep dahlias.

AFRICAN VIOLETS: Now's a good time to take a look at your violets to see if they have insects or diseases on the leaves. If leaves are gnarly and blossoms have no stems, it might be the work of cyclamen mite.

Control: Use aerosol spray containing a miticide. Be sure the plant is held at least 18 inches away from the pressure can. White patches on leaves might indicate mold or mildew. Cut off badly infected leaves and burn. Give plant plenty of air and dust with Milidex or Karathane.

Pale, limp leaves may mean nematodes or poor drainage. Remove plant from pot and look at roots. If you see swellings, destroy plant, pot and all, since nematodes are difficult to control. If no swellings are present, then it means (usually) that the soil is poorly drained, or plant is over-watered.

FREE: Send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope for my bulletin, "How to Grow African Violets for Year Round Beauty." My guide is packed full of good tips used by florists to get these stub-

born beauties to blossom. GREEN THUMB CLINIC: A reader writes: "I dug up our coleus plants from the garden and brought them indoors. Should they be cut back?"

Answer: Yes, cut the tips back and root them in plant tap water. It's also a good idea to cut the parent plant back at least half way so it will send out new growth. Coleus are not an ideal house plant, unless you have a north window and a temperature around 70 degrees or so. In direct sun, they develop scorched leaves. Shedding of foliage means air is too hot and dry.



ATTRACTIVELY paneled walls can wake up a room and save work at the same time. Here, pre-finished woodgrain panels in a handsome woodgrain add warmth and elegance to a high-style den. The panels, which are easily installed, do not require painting, resist marks and dents, and can be cleaned with a damp cloth.

Fall Best Time To Repair Gutters

When gutters and down spouts are not working properly, the overflowing water may damage foundation plantings, flood the basement, stain the side of the house or back up under roofing. With extra strain that ice and snow will place on gutters during the winter, plus the necessity of cleaning out leaves now, the fall is the best time to inspect and repair gutters.

At the very least, they will need a cleaning and the best time for this is after all the leaves are off the trees. A stiff brush or a whisk broom will handle the cleaning nicely.

YOU MAY have to clean more than once. Allowing debris to accumulate will cause downspouts to clog and gutters to dam up.

To keep downspouts from becoming clogged, the opening at the top of each should be fitted with a special wire strainer or allow water to flow through while holding back larger matter.

Remember, though, that these must be checked regularly, since a heavy accumulation of leaves and dirt will build up against the device.

Special gutter guards of mesh are available which will cover the entire gutter and will keep debris from falling into the gutter.

THESE can be of debatable value, since small dirt can still get through and this, too, will build up in time.

When cleaning, inspect for signs of deterioration. Paint may be starting to peel or perhaps there may be signs of rust.

The inside of the gutter, once cleaned, should be coated with a liquid roof coating. Sand rust spots and prime with a rust-preventative paint. If a spot has rusted through, clean away the dirt and rusted metal, then coat with roof cement.

Press a piece of heavy aluminum foil, canvas or fiber-glass patching on the spot, then coat with more cement.

If rusting is general, you may have to replace an entire length of gutter. Check carefully wherever there is evidence of rusting.

ONCE YOU HAVE the gutters clean, see if it drains properly - then try them out with water from a garden hose.

If water sits or drains slowly, check the downspout first. This may be clogged. Sometimes a light tapping with a stick will free the trapped debris.

A strong stream of water from a hose may force it out.

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