Start to plan yard from the ground up

your new home and are eager to start giving your yard that "lived here for a long time" look. That's here for a long time" look. That's understandable, says an article in the current Issue of Building Ideas. Before you draft an overall planting or decking plan, consider the following points to help you avoid costly—and time-consuming—mistakes:

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you can accumulate information
such as plant names, locations and
bloom times.

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working in your yard as soon as possible. Enjoy knowing that it is wise
to start small and go easy. Place
plants where success seems most
likely.

Experiment. When you get a
packet of petunias, put half in one
spot and half in another and see
where they do best.

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where they do best.

© Consider all these early plantings as temporary. If necessary, put treasured plants into large pots and move them around the yard to see where you like them and where they like to be.

© If you have a glaring need for shade, plant one or two key trees 20 to 30 feet to the west or south or your home's main living areas. Buy the largest trees you can afford—you'll soon recoupt the cost if you have air conditioning, and the increased comfort from shade on hot summer days is priceless.

© Soak up information, impressions and experiences, whether you are in a new climate or another section of your old block. It will also take a full cycle of seasons to find the best location for a patio, which views to screen and which to enhance, where shadows fall, where the wind blows cold in the winter or

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 Look at what is growing in the neighborhood. Flowers and ground covers that do well in front yards on one side of the atreet should do well in the backyards on the other. See what kinds of trees are must common, and which grow and look bear. Also check the selection of plants at a nearby nursery. If something you like is missing, ask why. After a long-distance move, visit your county agent and pick up bulletins about growing plants in that area.

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Call in an expert to help you decide which trees to save if you are building a new house around trees already on the property. Protect trees not only from contact with the building machiner, but as much as possible from soil compaction. If you must change grades more than a few inches, build a well or a terrace for several feet around the trunk of an affected tree, or it could slowly die.

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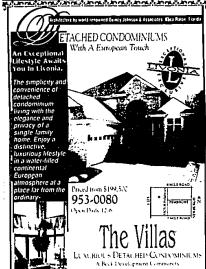
· Prune branches higher on ma-Prune branches higher on maturing trees to get more light, air circulation, room to mow without ducking, or to open up views. This work will help you when it comes time to decide on final plans and to determine which, if any, trees to move.

Don't wait for the conveniences you need. If sodding lan't an option, you can plant a temporary lawn of ryegrass that will green up in three weeks. When it's time to plant or sod a permanent lawn in the fall, till under the ryegrass and then improve the soil by adding fertilizer, organic matter or sand.

If you need a path or a patio, make a temporary one with pine needles, wood chips or tanbark. By putting old cardboard, plastic or . Don't wait for the conveni-



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