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MOST AMERICANS DESIRE HOMES OF MORE ABUNDANCE

Americans, whose daily life is blossoming, are not going to want to live in tiny, boxy houses, Miss Elizabeth Gordon, editor of House Beautiful, told leading national lumbermen recently in a Washington address.

The minimum house has been made, artificially, the hero of the past decade, Miss Gordon declared, and this is contrary to the actual needs and tastes of potential home buyers.

Abundant, not minimum, living, she said, is the American philosophy. The "expanding" American market means an expanding American home, and this does not apply only to size.

Americans want graceful living, she observed, consistent with their productive labor. There has been an almost unbelievable upsurge in spiritual, cultural and physical progress, she said, but housing patterns have not kept pace.

Miss Gordon urged wider use of wood in home building to escape from the box concept of design. The American style house uses the wood structure itself to endow the building with pattern and design.

Designers today are rediscovering the beauty, texture, grain and characteristics of such popular lumber as Douglas fir and western red cedar for exterior finish and both of these plus west coast hemlock for exteriors and interiors that are different.

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Homes and Gardening

STOP GARDEN DISEASES BEFORE THEY GET STARTED

The best protection against disease in the home garden can be applied even before the seeds are put in the ground, or the plants are transplanted.

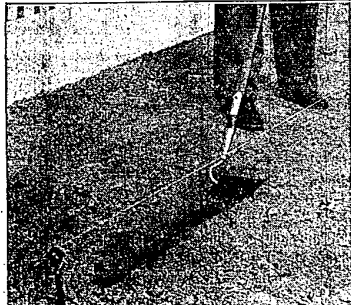
Here are some tips from a Michigan State College vegetable disease researcher for cutting down on garden diseases:

Put a pinch of seed protectant containing such materials as thiram and captan, into the garden seed package. Shake the package to coat all the seed, then sift the excess dust from the seed through a fine screen, the researcher states.

You won't have to go to this trouble if the seed has been already treated by the producer, he cautions.

Purchase chemicals for garden spraying or dusting in advance of the time you will need them, he states. Be prepared to prevent the disease before it starts.

Seeds Planted At Right Depth Yield



For large seeds such as beans, make drill with corner of hoe. For small seeds make drill by pressing stick edge into soil.

The language on the back of garden seed packet which tells the buyer how to sow the seed may be obscure to a beginning gardener. It says, "Sow in drills," or perhaps, "Sow in hills."

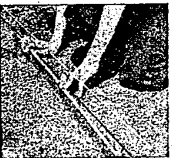
In gardening a "drill" is a shallow trench in which seed is dropped to grow in a straight, easily cultivated row. A "hill" is not a mound of soil except in those sections of the country where rainfall is extremely heavy or drainage poor. Elsewhere it is likely to be a hollow where seed are sown to produce a plant, or a group of plants, that have room to spread out instead of standing upright in a row.

Hills are used for vines and bushes. Three to six seeds are usually sown in a hill, and the plants thinned out to the number desired. It is good practice to arrange your hills in straight rows, however, for appearance and ease of cultivation.

It says on the seed packet: "sow half inch deep." Do you get down on your knees and measure every seed? Of course not. Seed sowing is not a precision job, and neither is nature's sowing seeds in a very careless manner. But the beginner must take more care to avoid the "terrible waste" in which nature indulges, but he cannot afford.

The main point in sowing seed is to take care not to bury them so deep they will fail to emerge from the soil. This can be accomplished by the methods of making drills which are illustrated here.

For tiny seeds, press the edge of a straight stick into the soil. For medium sized seeds, make the



drill by using the end of the hoe handle. For larger seeds use the edge of the hoe blade, pressed lightly if you want an inch-deep drill, more heavily for deeper sowing.

The depth to use depends somewhat on the nature of the soil. In sandy loam they may go a little deeper than in heavy clay; and in hot weather they should be at least twice as deep as in the moist spring weather.

Above all, except on a heavy slope, in making a drill, keep it straight. Some gardeners use a narrow plank as a ruler. A garden line is easier to handle, heavy cords on reels are handy, but any stout cord stretched between two stakes will serve.

But use the line as a guide and never press the hoe against it, for it will bend, and your garden row may turn out to be serpentine. If this happens, fill up the drill and try it over again. You will soon acquire the knack.

Michiganders Rank 7th As Flower Buyers

The average Michigan resident is a more frequent buyer of flowers than the citizens of most states and spent \$4.75 a year on the average for flowers against a national average of \$4.23. These are based in the most recent figures available from a report to the Michigan Department of Agriculture by the Michigan Florist association.

Michigan ranks seventh among all states in retail floral sales. In 1949 this amounted to a \$30 million business, and it is estimated that this has increased a third so today \$40 million would be a more accurate figure.

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Use Judgement In Spading Garden

Spading or plowing in the spring is the best way to prepare soil for planting. This is the conclusion of researchers, after considering all the objections to these time tried practices.

Since plowing is impractical in small areas, the home gardener is advised to use the spade, but with judgement. Do not try to turn over the whole garden in one day, unless your muscles are hardened to that kind of work.

One hour a day for eight days will turn over to grade depth 1,500 square feet, and leave its owner without even sore muscles. It is important that you do not skimp on the depth of spading. Drive the spade straight down, never at an angle, so that you get the full benefit of its 12-inch blade. Limit the area that you spade each day rather than the depth to which the soil is turned.

To organize the spading operation, mark out the day's stint—one hour's work. At one end of the area open a trench, piling the soil removed to one side. Then dig an adjoining trench, with the spade at right angles to the first, throwing the soil removed into the first trench to fill it. Continue this until the last trench completes the day's quota of toil, filling the last trench with the pile of soil removed from the first.

Spading loosens the soil, lets air into it, and leaves it in the best condition for both water and air to enter. Spading also can be used to mix with the soil coarse materials which will improve its condition.

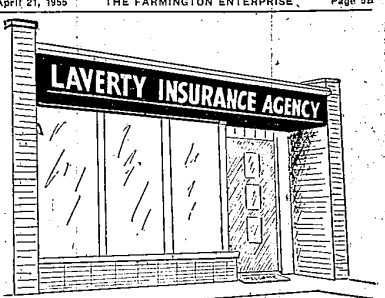
Depth of spading has long been a subject for debate. English gardeners, with the experience of centuries behind them, are strong for "trenching," which means turning over the soil two spade lengths, or two feet deep.

For roses, perennials, and some annual crops, private gardeners in the country often practice trenching.

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