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Water Is a Big Factor

Tips On Keeping Your Lawn Up

Hot weather means that your lawn has slowed down. But, it doesn't mean that you should forget it.

Throughout the North, Midwest, most of California, the Northwest, the Upper South and anywhere else that northern grasses — bluegrasses, fescues and bent — are grown, lawn care is essentially the same, except for timing.

First and foremost is watering. To maintain a green carpet, sufficient water must be present in the soil. It takes from one inch of rain or its equivalent per week to maintain this level. So, if the water doesn't come naturally, put it on with a sprinkler.

The important thing to remember is that daily light sprinkling does more harm than

good — it brings the roots to the top where they can dry out.

Also, the person hasn't been

Autumn Bugs Seek Warmth

"Now where did they come from?"

Every fall this is the lament from housewives when they see little bugs crawling around their rooms.

The truth is that many of these are actually outdoor garden pests that have sneaked into the house to enjoy the warmth of your hearth for the winter.

Some of the nuisance pests you can look for in the fall are earwigs, clover mites, chiggers, brown dog ticks and cockroaches.

HIDING PLACES

According to entomologists at Geigy Chemical Corporation, these insects usually hide around window and door frames, under sills, behind baseboards, in basements, in the dog's bedding and in the damp areas of bathrooms and laundry areas.

You will find that these insects have favorite paths or "runs" they always follow — generally near baseboards.

When you discover the run, use a pressurized spray that remains potent on the sprayed areas for some time. This will control the bugs as they trek along their way.

For flying pests — especially flies that can overwinter in your home — a pressurized spray containing pyrethrins has been found effective and safe.

This same pressurized spray, containing pyrethrins, can also be used to control most pests on your house plants.

made who can stand still long enough in one spot with a hose to put enough on.

But, how can you tell when you're sprinkler has put on the required amount? That's easy — just put a coffee can out on the lawn under the sprinkler and when you have the required depth in the can, that's it.

Next, keep up your mowing but mow by need, not by the calendar.

In the North your lawn should be at least two inches tall after mowing. In the Middle Atlantic and Midwestern states it should be at least 3 1/2 inches, and in the Upper South three inches is better.

Then your soil is shaded. Moisture evaporates more slowly and the grass' roots are less likely to be burned out.

Also, crabgrass and weeds have a harder time getting started, where grass is not clipped too close.

That brings us to weeds. If you have them, they can be gotten rid of without too much effort.

Broadleaved ones like dandelions, plantains and various creepers give up easily if you apply any of the 2, 4-D weed controls available at your nearest garden store.

Grassy weeds, mostly crabgrass, if you don't keep it out with one of the new pre-emergence (before sprouting) cures, can be brought under control fairly readily with one of the after-they-are-up crabgrass killers. Apply them carefully.

If chinch bugs are troublesome in your area and it is not too late, a number of insecticides including the non-poisonous Sevin, will bring them under control.

If Japanese beetles have ruined your lawn, it is too late to do much now. But, in the fall, before receding, impregnate your soil with any of the chemicals recommended by your local garden shop.



JILL JOMINY of 26383 Ross, Redford Township, eyes a rose from her garden and looks longingly at the trophy that will be awarded for the Best Rose in the Detroit Rose Show to be held in the Livonia Mall on Saturday, Sept. 25. The trophy was given in memory of her grandfather, Dr. A. M. McGarrah.

Giant Rose Show at Mall Sept. 25

Have you ever dreamed of winning blue ribbons with your home grown roses?

You can do just that!

For the first time in the history of the Detroit Rose Society, the annual fall rose show will be held outside the city of Detroit. This year's Detroit Rose Show will be held at the Livonia Mall at Middlebelt and Seven Mile Roads.

The general public is invited to enter their roses in this annual fall exhibition. Ribbons, trophies and many merchandise articles will be awarded. Merchants in the mall have contributed prizes for those who win the rose awards.

To enter, pick as many rose specimens as you like to enter from your back yard and bring them to the mall beginning at 7 a.m. on Saturday morning, September 25. Each specimen will be entered in a separate vase and the vases will be furnished by the Detroit Rose Society.

Generally speaking, a stem from 8" to 16" is preferred. Do not remove the leaves. The judges award prizes to roses that are 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 open.

A rose that is full blown will not win, unless it is entered in the one section of the show devoted to full blown roses.

All varieties must be entered by name. If you do not know the names of the roses in your yard, bring them anyway and the Detroit Rose Society rose identification committee will tell you the proper name of your rose.

There is also a section for Rose Arrangements. If you have a flair for the artistic, you may enter your blooms in a vase or container arranged in a pleasing grouping. In this section of the show, the judges look for symmetry and design. The condition of the roses is not as important. For example, full blown roses are quite acceptable and may be used in the arrangement section.

All entries must be in prior to 11 a.m.

The general public is invited to view the show until 9 p.m., Saturday evening. Admission is free. The entire mall will literally be filled with hundreds and thousands of roses.

Remove Roses When Petals Start to Wither

Old rose blooms always die and usually do so by fading away.

Michigan State University horticulture specialists recommend removing old faded rose blooms from flowering bushes soon after flower petals begin to wither. Studies show that these old blooms have a bearing on the size of younger flowers produced during the blooming period.

If an old flower is snipped off just under the flower head, the stem will branch from small buds near the upper end of the shoot, giving many small, and sometimes misshapen flowers.

Every gardener strives for large, well-formed flowers. A good rule to remember is to remove the shoot just above a strong five-leaflet leaf, not a three-leaflet one. The bud in the axil of this large leaf is usually the one which will produce the superior bloom.

When an old flower has been removed in this way, the axillary buds at several leaves sometimes develop giving stems bearing the large, beautiful flowers everybody wants.

Many Factors Enter Into Soil Erosion

The amount of rain doesn't determine the amount of soil loss from erosion on your fields.

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