

There Are Differences In Radishes

If you think that a radish is a radish and all of them are just alike, you're wrong as wrong can be. Just one example: it may take as short a time as 22 days, as long a time as 29 days for different varieties to be ready to eat.

There are numerous varieties, too, colored scarlet, red, white or scarlet and white. Shapes vary—from long, tapering roots of white radishes like White Icicle to round, red radishes like Cherry Belle or the new, scarlet Red Devil.

The two-toned variety is Sparkler, with round or almost round roots, their upper portions deep scarlet, their lower thirds white. This is an attractive addition to a relish plate.

In addition to the "spring" radishes that every gardener grows, there also are summer radishes that, because they take a longer time to mature (40 days) are ready to use later, and fall and winter radishes.

Asphalt shingles can generally be applied directly over old roofing. This saves the trouble and expense of tearing off the previous roof, and protects the house interior during re-roofing.

Since application costs are about the same for all type shingles, the heavier weight—those weighing 250 or more pounds per 100 square feet of roof area, and designed to last 20 to 25 years with no maintenance—are a practical choice.

Now Is Time For Homeowners To Join In Spring Clean-Up

Homeowners across the United States and Canada were urged by the American Insurance Association today to join in Spring Clean-Up activities by sprucing up their homes and throwing out trash and clutter which may have accumulated during the winter.

Old newspapers, oily rags, and other rubbish are a fire hazard and create fuel when which fires feed, the Association cautions.

Spring Clean-Up Week serves as an annual reminder to make homes fire-safe and protect both lives and property by disposing of such trash.

In most communities, provisions are made to put trash on the curb at designated times, to be picked up and carted away in sanitation trucks.

"Don't underestimate the importance of this annual clean-up program," urged T. Lawrence Jones, president of the Association. "In fact, let us hope it will serve the purpose for which it was designed, to remind Americans that homes should be kept clean and fire-safe every day of the year."

To underline his remarks, Jones added: "Every 49 seconds, fire breaks out in some home. In 1967, fires in the United States took 19,200 lives and caused property losses aggregating more than \$1.7 billion. With normal care, many, many fires could be avoided."

SPRING CLEAN-UP Week is observed at different times in various parts of the nation, most often in April or May. The American Insurance Association recommends that during the special period set aside for the campaign locally, homeowners go through their homes, room by room, and throw out any combustibles which might help feed a fire.

A check of the attic, for example, will turn up old newspapers, discarded clothing, old radio sets, unwanted furniture, worn-out mattresses, old shoes, lamps and appliances in need of repair, old letters and magazines. One by one, the attic and the householder may have a costly fire.

The imaginative application of wood moulding can work decorative wonders in a room. For example, a cornice moulding installed around the room where walls and ceiling meet adds rich detail to flat, uninteresting surfaces. The same is true of baseboard moulding which has the additional advantage of protecting the wall from everyday wear and tear. Moulding is often used at the top of wainscoting to give it a finished look.

DECORATING WITH moulding is easy, even for a do-it-yourselfer. Stock moulding of ponderosa pine is available in a wide variety of attractive styles from local lumber dealers.

Moulding strips are simply cut to fit at the corners and nailed into place. They can be painted to match the wall, or stained or varnished to enhance the natural wood grain.

There are a number of unusual ways to use moulding. Moulding installed in a panel effect above the fireplace emphasizes that area as the focal point of the room.

Windows and doors gain visual importance when framed with wide-face moulding. You can even use strips of moulding on plain furniture, such as chests and bookcases, to give it a new look.

Include Garage Cleaning Out In Spring Chores

Is your garage one of those where the family car "used to" be kept? If so, says the American Insurance Association, it is one of many of a kind. Today's standard-size passenger automobiles and station wagons frequently won't fit into garages built two or more decades ago. As a result, many garages today are used to store things in—old furniture, boxes, papers, tires and other items of little or no value.

"Include cleaning out the garage among your Spring Clean-Up projects," says the Association. "By doing so, you will not only eliminate a potential fire hazard, but create valuable, clean storage space."

Bedrooms, too, can create potential fire hazards. Old clothing stored in closets, which will never be worn, should be donated to some charitable organization or thrown away.

IN THE KITCHEN cooking is done daily over open flames or electric stove cooking units with temperatures capable of starting fires if they come in contact with dish towels or other combustibles.

"Be vigilant, not only during Spring Clean-Up Week, but at all times," Jones stressed. "To protect your family and your property against fire, plan ahead, practice good housekeeping, and develop safe

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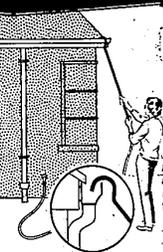
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