

VEGETABLE HARVEST



You'll have higher quality vegetables if you tend your garden right up to harvest time. Keep plants well watered, weed and insect free.

Keep a weather eye open for early frost. The tomato season can be extended for about two weeks. If they can get through the first chilly night without harm they should last a few more weeks before it really turns.

cold. Bales of straw around the plants topped by storm windows will protect the plants; or use some other cold frame arrangement.

Mature gourds should be picked, leaving a two-inch stem to prevent rot, then dried indoors.

Pumpkins and winter squash keep best when stored at a temperature near 60 degrees.



think spring

Lawns in this area should be seeded before Sept. 20. An inch of screened compost spread over established lawns is beneficial now.

All members of the narcissus family should be planted in September, also bulbous iris and peonies. When planting be generous with the bone meal and compost.

It's time to get hardy perenni-

als well-established before winter. Lily of the valley, peonies, daylilies and bleeding hearts, can be lifted and divided now.

When leaves turn yellow, lift gladiola corms. Hang to dry until leaves separate easily from corms. Store in a cool, well ventilated place. If packed in fresh wood chips they will dry out less and stay firm and plump.

Need Help?

Livonia Hardware, 33533 Five Mile Rd. Al Margolin who recently observed his 10th anniversary at Livonia Hardware is all set for winter with a good supply of humidifiers, furnace filters and garden supplies. For the home decorator he has wallpaper, paint, plumbing and heating fixtures, and a bath shop.

Kitchen Mart, 14900 Telegraph, has paneling, kitchen cabinets and bath vanities to help the do-it-yourselfer achieve professional results according to manager, Ed Page.

Custom Gallery, 24200 Telegraph Rd. combines "everything to update your bathroom" and a custom lighting studio. A family enterprise, Betty Langer extends an invitation to browse and see what's new in bath and home decor. Al Langer says Ottis King and Ken Rickert can solve "just about any lighting problem."

Burton Hollow Pro Hardware, 17 162 Farmington Rd. is a "find" for do-it-yourselfers, a good oldfashioned hardware store where the father-son combination of John and Bill Becker have the tools, plumbing and electrical equipment, and advice for the novice home handyman. They have lawn seed and fertilizer on hand for to give your lawn that last boost before winter sets in.

So you're all thumbs? Haven't the time or the tools to be a do-it-yourselfer? There is professional help abounding in the area.

For kitchen remodeling, new shelves, cabinets or shutters try:

The Shutter Shop, 23229 Plymouth Rd.

Kitchen Creations, 27309 Plymouth Rd. - George Barnes promises complete custom design and installation of kitchens and bathrooms. Custom built cabinets are available in three woods, 25 colors, and, believe it or not, 20 door styles.

Wood Fashions, 24353 Plymouth Rd. specializes in custom kitchens and baths but will take on any room in the house plus exterior remodeling. Margaret Bedy says they have carpeting on hand and will custom design cabinets.