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# August

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- First week: second spray of peach and prune trees for root borers.
- First week: second spray of filbert trees for filbert worm.
- Plant poppies and peonies.
- Western Oregon: fertilize roses.
- High elevations, Central and Eastern Oregon: fertilize lawn for last time this year.
- Spray walnut trees for walnut husk fly and repeat in 3 weeks.
- Spray for root weevils in ornamental shrubs and flowers.
- Spray filbert trees for bacterial blight.
- Spray for codling moth and spider mite in apple trees.
- Spray walnuts if maggots in husks have been noted in previous years.
- Spray for scale insects in camellias, holly, maples.
- Fall webworm webbing appears in ornamentals and shade trees. Spray with diazinon, Dipel or Orthene.
- Control fleas in lawns with spray containing ronnel.
- Begin preparations for planting new lawn.
- Fertilize cucumbers, summer squash, broccoli while harvesting to maintain production.
- Clean and fertilize strawberry beds.
- Control caterpillars on leafy vegetables, as needed, with Dipel, rotenone, or Sevin.
- For mite control on ornamentals and most vegetables, use Kelthane as directed on the label.
- Monitor garden irrigation closely so crops do not dry out.
- Use mulch to protect ornamentals and garden plants from hot weather damage.
- East of Cascades: check for tomato horn worm.
- Western Oregon: mid-summer planting of peas; use enation-virus-resistant varieties.
- Oregon coast: plant spinach.
- Western valleys, Portland, Roseburg, Medford: plant Chinese cabbage.
- Columbia and Snake River Valleys, Ontario: plant Chinese cabbage, endive.

## Now is time to plant crops for fall harvest

Early maturing home garden vegetables are ready for harvest now, but you can keep your garden plot working into the fall by putting in a mid-summer planting of hardy crops.

As early crops are harvested, vacant garden space can be replanted with fall-maturing vegetables.

Beets, carrots, kohlrabi, onions, rutabaga, shallots and turnips are good for fall harvest and are all roots crops that can be seeded in August.

Many root crops can also be left in the garden during the fall and winter and used as needed.

Mid-summer plantings of leafy crops often do better in the garden than spring plantings. New Zealand spinach is recommended.

Head lettuce may not grow well this late in the season, but for those who want to try, Ithaca is the best variety. Leaf and bibb style lettuce give better results. Salad bowl, buttercrunch and

prizehead varieties are also recommended.

Chard, endive, kale, lettuce and mustard greens will supply greenery through the fall and into early winter.

Cole crops grow very well in late summer and can be harvested until the heavy freezes of winter. Broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage and cauliflower transplants should be planted in and early August.

Re-work the soil before planting a new crop by rototilling or spading to a depth of six inches to loosen the ground. Then apply one-half cup of 5-10-10 fertilizer for each 100 square feet of row space.

Proper irrigation is very important for mid-summer plantings. Lettuce, onion, carrot and radish seeds are planted near the surface of the soil and must be kept moist if they are to germinate.

Frequent watering keeps germinating seeds from drying out.

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## Fleas finding summer lawns

Home lawns can become hotbeds of flea activity during August and September.

Pesticides are effective in keeping the pests from moving into your home, if you use them around pets and on the lawn before they get a chance to become established.

Ray McNeilan, a home extension gardening agent, thinks flea control is difficult for several reasons. The flea's staying power makes reinfestations likely and insecticides registered for use on pets or in and around homes often lack the persistence required to eradicate flea populations.

One effective flea control measure is to keep pets and their bedding clean. Flea collars will help if pets can tolerate them without skin irritation.

An alternative to flea collars are dusts and sprays containing pesticides that are usable on pets and their bedding.

Vacuuming all areas of the house thoroughly to pick up flea eggs and larvae will eliminate flea populations

inside the home. McNeilan warns that special attention should be paid to rugs and upholstered furniture. Don't forget to empty the vacuum cleaner bag promptly.

Vacuumed-up egg will hatch in the dust bag and reinfest the house if the dust isn't discarded.

Sevin dust or spray and diazinon spray are registered for use on lawns, building foundations and entryways.

Before treating a lawn, first mow it and dump the

clippings. When applying the spray or dust, follow all label directions. After treating the lawn, don't water for at least two days. If needed, repeat treatment at one- or two-week intervals until the flea problem subsides.

Extreme care should be taken when using pesticides. Carles use may result in the death of a pet or ineffective pest control, warned McNeilan.

The most common flea on cats and dogs in Oregon is the dog flea.

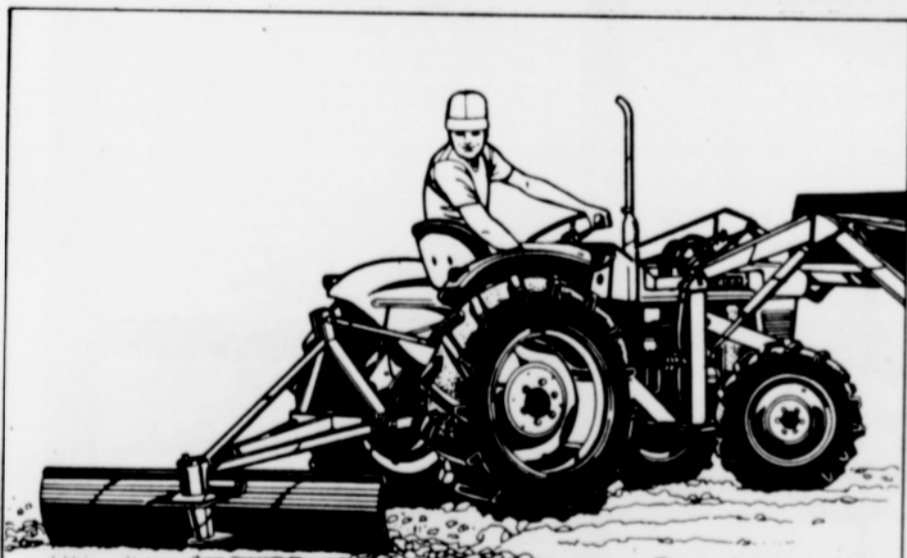
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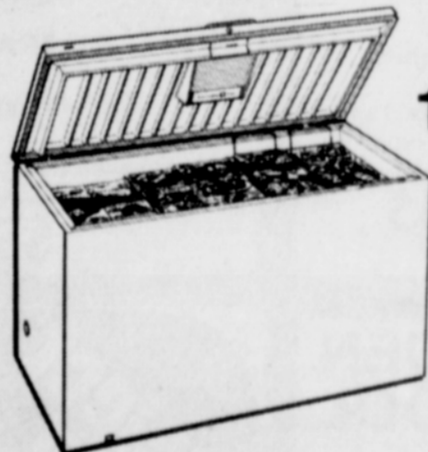
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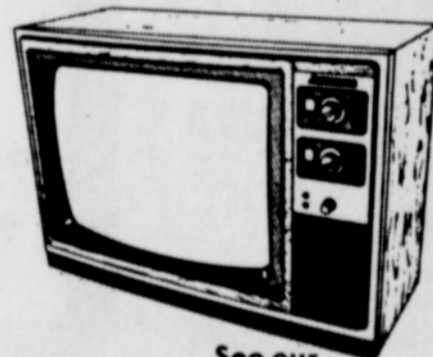
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