

In the garden

Maintenance of tools essential

An important but sometimes neglected end-of-the-season garden chore is the cleaning and storing of garden equipment.

"Maintained equipment will give years of service," says Ray McNeilan, Oregon State University Extension home gardening agent.

Clean and sharpen hand tools. Be sure to remove rust spots as well as dirt. Then apply a light coat of oil to protect against rust through the winter months.

Drain and coil garden hoses, then hang them from a curved surface. Placing a hose on a nail or hook causes a sharp bend to form. That bend may turn into a leak in the hose next spring.

When cleaning power equipment, follow manufacturer's directions.

Generally, gasoline engines should be drained of gas. Also, make sure all the fuel is removed from the gas tank, carburetor and gas lines to prevent a build-up of gum from gasoline evaporation.

If the engine oil is old and dirty, change it. Remove the spark plug and squirt a small amount of oil into the cylinder. Before replacing the spark plug, turn the engine over by hand so the cylinder walls are lubricated.

Put a light coat of oil on power equipment parts that come in contact with the soil when in use. Paint bare metal surfaces where the original paint has worn away.

A cabinet or closet you can lock is ideal for keeping tools safely out of the way. Hanging tools from a garage or storage shed wall is another storage option.

"Think safety when storing tools," McNeilan says. "Tools left lying where someone might trip over them could result in damage to the tool and possibly to its owner."

Weeds go with death and taxes

Just like death and taxes, weeds

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Diet Pills Sweeping U.S.

Doctors Invent 'Lazy Way' to Lose Weight

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BEVERLY HILLS, CA (Special)—An amazing new weight loss pill called "fat-magnet" has recently been developed and perfected by two prominent doctors at a world famous hospital in Los Angeles that reportedly "guarantees" that you will easily lose fat by simply taking their tested and proven new pill.

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(Fat Magnet 1987)

are something the home landscaper can count on. Total elimination of weeds from the landscape is practically impossible, but sustained effort usually will control them to some extent.

Wild blackberries are a good example of a stubborn weed problem, says Ray McNeilan, Oregon State University Extension home gardening agent. This plant is hardy and difficult to kill. If left undisturbed, wild blackberries grow into a dense and formidable thicket of thorn-covered vines.

This thorny weed often continues to be a problem even after repeated

treatment with herbicides. If this sort of control doesn't work, McNeilan recommends digging up the weeds by the roots and disposing of them.

Several herbicides are available at nursery and garden stores for use on wild blackberries. Apply all herbicides at recommended rates printed on the product label.

Put the chemical on the plant foliage or, if you cut the vines back close to the ground, apply herbicide directly to the cut stems. Digging the plant out is effective, although you may not get all of the plant roots in the first digging, McNeilan says.

Field bindweed (morning-glory) is another persistent weed problem in the home landscape. Repeated treatments with 2,4-D or glyphosate, will control this weed. However, as with wild blackberries, digging up and disposing of the plant roots may be required for complete control.

Don't forget that herbicides suggested for use on weeds are just as effective on desirable plants. Protect the plants you want to keep by being careful to apply the herbicide only to the plants you want to eliminate.

If a non-chemical means of weed control is desired, simply remove the weeds by hand. It may take longer to

get rid of them completely, but eventually, if you are persistent, you will win.

home gardening agent.

Adding lime neutralizes soil acidity; supplies calcium and magnesium; promotes root growth, particularly fibrous feeding roots; creates an excellent environment for soil organisms that break down organic matter; and improves soil structure.

Lime is recommended for western Oregon gardens because many soils west of the Cascades have high acidity ratings. Soils in the eastern part of the state are not high in acidity, and so benefit more from an application of gypsum.

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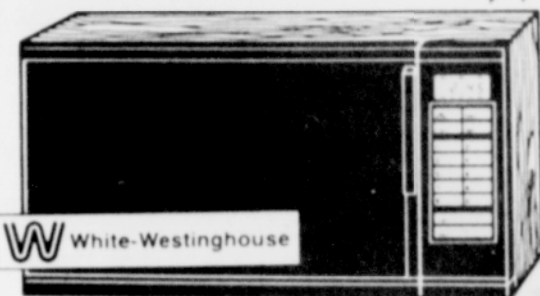
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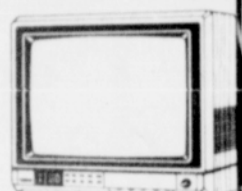
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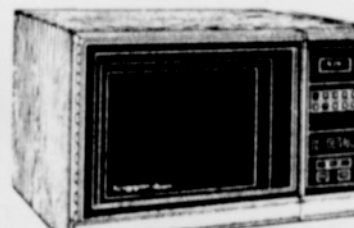
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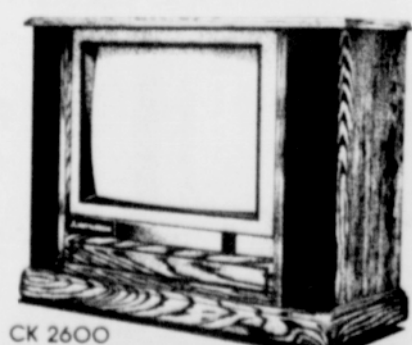
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