

County Agent Gives Tips On Plastic Pipes

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GENERAL INFORMATION ON PLASTIC IRRIGATION PIPE

Next fall and winter when anyone asks about plastic pipe it's like the sixty-four dollar question. To begin with, there are some 20 to 25 different types of plastic pipe and many of these are in the experimental stage. There are two general types; the flexible and semi-rigid. Probably more than 90 percent of the plastic pipe sold today is of polyethylene, the most common and best flexible type. Plastic pipe makers are concentrating most of the production of polyethylene—an oil refinery by-product. It's black, looks and feels like hard rubber and is

resistant to all types of soil, corrosion, alkali, sulfur, electrolysis, etc. It won't rot, rust or corrode and is nontoxic, making it satisfactory for carrying drinking water.

Since the flexible pipe can be "snaked out" in any kind of trench, no matter how crooked, it saves quite a bit of the cost of labor—in some cases as high as 60 percent as compared with steel pipe. A few of the big steel and rubber manufacturers have climbed onto the band wagon making this pipe. Plastic pipe can be used very successfully in many farm piping jobs. However, one should be sure to check the guarantee and the maximum pressure that the pipe will stand. Off-brand products do not carry this guarantee and provide very little information regarding the pipe. Responsible manufacturers will replace defective material and back up their products.

CRACKS IN CONCRETE NOT HARD TO REPAIR

Objectionable and unsanitary cracks in concrete floors are readily repaired. Cracks exceeding

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THE MULTIFLORA ROSE

Letters continue to pour in to Oregon State College regarding the use of the multiflora rose as a hedge or fence. This is the same plant that is used as an understock for our beautiful yard roses. You know how hard it is to get them to grow and produce as we would like them to do. First it's perfect plants, then rich well drained soil, proper planting, protection from damage, water, fertilizer, sprays, dusts, pruning and a continuous round of care. Does anyone have time or inclination to do all of this in order to have a multiflora rose hedge or fence!

I have seen many attempts to grow this material into fence rows but have yet to see anything which resembled a stock proof fence unless a good fence was part of the planting.

This material does offer something when we think of cover for birds and as a protection against certain cases of soil erosion. Very few can give the care needed to grow it into a good fence or hedge row. If it is not trained, it would occupy from 8 to 10 feet of land which, if good enough to grow the material, is of too much value to be so occupied.

FENCE POST TREATING AND SUCH

We are now in the "Easy Peeling" season—mid-April until late August. During this period posts and poles can be peeled about three times as easily as during other seasons when the bark is tight.

JUST PLAIN WATER is the cheapest and often the most neglected nutrient required by farm animals. Water is the most important nutrient as it transports other nutrients through the body and aids and maintains the shape of body cells. It also aids in the control of body temperature. It is not uncommon for farmers to go to great expense to provide good feeds then ignore proper watering which is essential for economical use of those feeds. Make sure an inadequate use of water is not

one-fourth of an inch in width should first have their edges straightened and smoothed with a chisel. Swept clean, cracks are then filled with cement sand mortar made of one part sand and one part cement wet enough so that it will penetrate the cracks readily and permit a smooth surface finish.

COOL WEATHER GRASSES

Some grasses will grow in cooler weather than others. Alta fescue and meadow foxtail are outstanding in this characteristic. For example, in pastures where alta and orchard grass are planted side by side or in mixtures the alta has shown considerably more spring growth.

LAWN SPRAYING WITH 2-4-D

2-4-D materials have been excellent for control of many broad-leaf weeds in lawns. However, read container labels carefully and follow recommendations. The ester type of 2-4-D, although an excellent weed killer, also will evaporate from the lawn, and drift to susceptible plants. Growers should not use the ester type of 2-4-D in spraying lawns if they have susceptible border plants that can be injured from vapor drift.

Spray before mowing and not mow for four or five days after spraying. Do not use the same spray can for applying insecticides to other plants. The 2-4-D spray is difficult to remove from spray containers, and can remain in containers and cause damage to other plants.

costing you money by the loss of extra gain and non-utilized feeds.

SUPERIOR HERD SIRES pay off handsomely for the cattle producer. Results of feeding tests at Miles City, Montana, the past year gave conclusive evidence that superior lines of beef cattle are profitable. Tests were run on 52 steer calves from seven herds. All were group-fed on a herd-sire basis for 252 days and sold on the St. Paul market five days later. There was a 28-pound difference in averaging weaning weight, 88 pounds in average weight at the end of the feeding period and \$23.71 per head in returns above feed and marketing costs between the best and poorest herd sire groups. The heaviest steers weighed 1,105 pounds on the average and gained an average of 2.35 pounds a day.

PROTECTING LIVE STOCK from heat is not only humane but also economically sound. Livestock dissipate about one-third of the total digestible nutrients of their feed as heat. If they are not able to do so their body temperature rises and they attempt to reach a comfortable heat balance by cutting down on their feed intake. This causes a disastrous slowdown in the rate of weight gain and production for beef cattle, hogs and lambs.

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