

summer will yield next summer's berries. Although pruning the new canes will remove some flower buds that would form fruit, the remaining buds will make larger and better fruit, says Bubl.

The canes that bore fruit last summer should have been removed by now. If not, remove them first. Then cut out all but 10 or 12 healthy, new canes for each plant. The weak and spindly canes should be taken first. Then select the healthiest canes grown last summer to leave for fruiting this year.

There are several methods to trellising or holding the canes erect. The simplest is a strong wire attached to posts and about five feet high. The canes are tied to the wire.

Some gardeners use a three-wire support where two parallel wires are placed a couple feet off the ground. The canes are trained between the two wires and the tops are tied to a third wire five feet off the ground.

Once the pruning is finished, the remaining canes should be tied to the top wire of the trellis system with a strong twine. Then prune off the cane ends six inches to a foot above the wire.

Lichen and moss

The presence of lichen and moss on landscape plants has been the object of concern for many people lately.

"Mosses and lichens don't pose a serious problem. Except under certain specific conditions, they don't do any harm," says Chip Bubl, Columbia County Agricultural agent.

Mosses can harbor insects. And they do hold extra water on the plant. During a freeze, the water turns to ice and adds weight to the plant, making it more susceptible to wind damage.

Lichen and moss tend to be more prevalent in the Willamette Valley because of the wet winters. They are often found where landscape plantings are crowded and in trees that have been pruned poorly or not at all.

A number of spray materials will eliminate them, including lime sulfur, fixed copper and Bordeaux mixture. Generally, lime sulfur is mixed at a rate of one part lime sulfur to nine parts water, fixed copper at one part fixed copper to 25 parts water, and Bordeaux mixture at 12-12-100.

All these sprays can cause house paint to discolor, so use caution when spraying near buildings.

The dormant season from late November through early March is the best time to spray. The chemical must contact the lichens and mosses to be effective. Areas not covered will not be controlled.

Filbert trees are the only exception to spraying during the winter. They should not be sprayed during the pollination process, which could be anytime from late December through February.

"The dead mosses and lichens will remain on the tree for a time after they are killed, but will eventually weather away," says Bubl.

Technology and the Third World

Technology has exploded all around us, especially here in the United States. We enjoy many products of technology that have become part of our life.

Sudden introduction of such technology, however, affects less-developing countries in the world much more harshly. Smaller countries that are beginning to industrialize face a shock when technology from developed countries floods over the underdeveloped society and governmental structures.

A major decision and policy making conference is scheduled this summer. The United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development set for this August will bring together governmental delegations and scientists to kick around technological priorities.

The outcome of this meeting will be far-reaching. Decisions made here will affect the future of every nation in the world.

How should the U.S. handle its spread of technology? Should scientific and technological secrets be sold to the highest bidder? Or perhaps traded for resources?

Another consideration: Should the U.S. government give nuclear technology to nations composed of hunters and gatherers? And who is to judge what sort of technology is good for a specific

country? The United States Government? The less-developed nation that is to receive the technological information? The United Nations maybe?

It is hard to imagine any of the above choices. Some smaller nations want all of the technology that is available even if the introduction of that science means starvation for the locals. Money and influence buying play a large role in the current spread of technology. These certainly are not the motives that should be building the world's future.

President Carter put forth an idea in a speech in Caracas, Venezuela last spring that is one of the best options for developing nations. Carter proposed the

creation of a Foundation for International Technological cooperation as a part of the U.S. government.

The main problems with this plan: taxpayers would be footing the bill, and the U.S. governmental bias might interfere.

A better plan may be to develop a foundation like the one in Carter's idea, but divorce it from any government. The logical move would be to run such a foundation through the United Nations.

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