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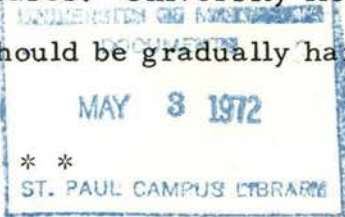
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Some Vegetables Need Head Start (0:25)

Some vegetables, such as tomatoes, peppers, eggplant and celery, need a long growing season and usually will not mature if seeded directly in the garden. Other crops, such as head lettuce, cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli, must mature before hot weather.

Start these crops early in the house or buy plants at a seed store or greenhouse in these cases. University Horticulturist Orrin Turnquist says plants should be gradually hardened before planting in the open garden.



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Prune Currants Now (0:12)

Prune currants and gooseberries now, University of Minnesota Horticulturist Leonard Hertz advises. Cut off the stems over four or five years old at the ground line. Keep and encourage the younger canes for best fruiting.

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Use Shears In Garden (0:10)

A good sharp pair of pruning shears is an excellent tool in spring garden cleanup. Shrub branches broken by winter snows should be removed as soon as they are noticed.

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Seed Lawn With Suitable Varieties (0:12)

After lawns have been raked and fertilized, bare spots may be seeded with suitable grass varieties. A mixture of creeping red fescue and Park Kentucky bluegrass can be used for outdoor living and play areas.

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