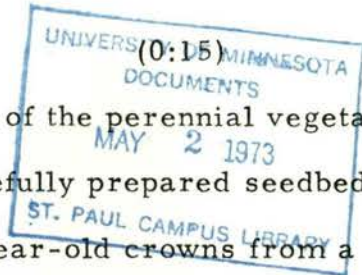


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Asparagus

Asparagus is one of the most popular of the perennial vegetables. Plants can be raised from seed in a carefully prepared seedbed, but it is more desirable to secure one-year-old crowns from a nursery or garden center. The crowns should be planted about May 1st while they are still dormant.



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Aerifying Lawns

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Wait until you have mowed the lawn at least once before you aerify or power rake this spring. Results are better when this procedure is followed. Anytime until May 10th is fine for aerifying or power raking. The lawn will recover faster if you fertilize seven or eight days before power raking.

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Fertilizing Lawns

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Fertilize after you clean the debris from your lawn. Most lawns need two applications of fertilizer in the spring to really perform. You can get a soil test by contacting your local county extension office or the Soil Testing Laboratory, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, 55101 and ask them to send you soil sample information. A fertilizer recommendation will be included when the results of your soil test are returned. If you don't get a soil test, five pounds of a 20-5-10 or 24-4-8 fertilizer per thousand square feet applied now and about May 10th will make your lawn look good.

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