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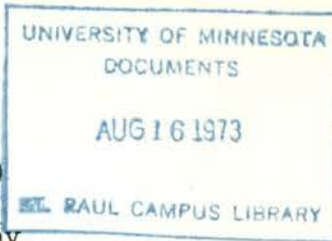
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Dutch Elm Disease

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A University of Minnesota plant pathologist says many Minnesota elms are being lost to Dutch elm disease that should not have been.

Ward Stienstra (steen-stra) says sixty to seventy-five percent of the elm trees dead or dying this year were dying because they were infected through the roots.

When this happens, either no root graft controls were used, they were used too late or applied improperly. Stienstra says there's no excuse for this.

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Wild Flowers

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Late summer wild flowers are adding flashes of color to manmade Minnesota prairies, such as vacant lots, roadsides, rural graveyards and alongside railroad tracks.

University horticulturist Jane McKinnon says the flowers of spring are shy--they hide their faces in the woods. Summer flowers glaze in the bright sunlight. Mrs. McKinnon says "anyone with half an eye can spot their flashy blues, purples, reds, golds and oranges."

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Lawn Care

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Late summer to early fall is one of the best times to improve the appearance of Minnesota lawns.

Effective broad-leaf weed control is possible from August 20th through mid-September. Applying excessive chemicals or herbicides is harmful to grass plants, is ecologically unsound and results in reduced weed control.

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