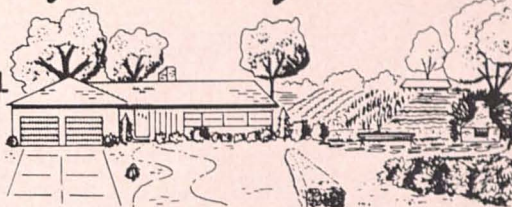


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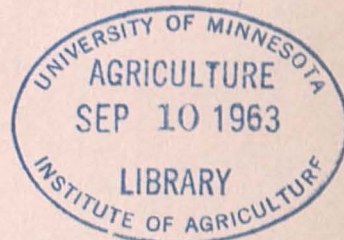
Yard 'n' Garden



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STORING TENDER BULBS

Careful storage of tender bulbs can save the garden many dollars in bulb replacement. Selection, curing and storage conditions are all important for keeping the bulbs until next spring.

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Gladiolus corms should be cured before storing. Place them on shallow trays or spread them evenly on burlap until the foliage has dried and the outer skin on the corm has loosened. Then remove the old corm from the base of the new corm and take off the loose outer husk. Remove the old flower stalk and examine the corm for disease spots such as dry rot or soft rot. Discard any corms showing disease.

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Before placing glads in storage, dust the corms with a 5 percent DDT dust to control thrips. Store in a room with temperatures from 33° F. to 40° F. where there is good air circulation.

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When dahlia roots are cured, pack them in moistened sand, wood shavings, vermiculite or plastic bags to reduce water loss. A cool, moist room at 40° F. is satisfactory for storage of dahlias.

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Tuberous-rooted begonias may be stored in pots. Keep the soil slightly moist. Storage temperature should be from 40 to 50° F.

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