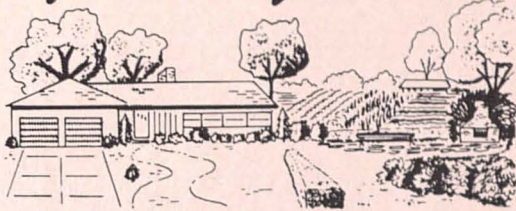


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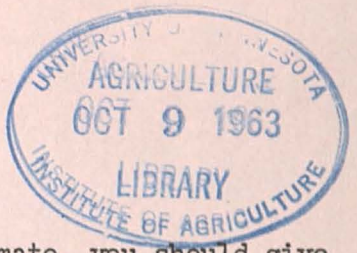
# Yard 'n' Garden



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## WINTER PROTECTION OF FRUITS

If you want to be a successful fruit grower in this climate, you should give some consideration to winter protection.

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To protect raspberries, lay the canes down and cover the tips with soil. If snow drifts in and covers them they will keep uniformly cold during winter and will not be subject to sudden thaws and freezes. Sudden changes in temperature during late winter, rather than extreme cold, seem to be responsible for killing the canes. Sometimes covering the canes completely with soil is advisable, especially if the planting is likely to have no snow cover.

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Strawberries should be covered with clean straw or marsh hay late this month or in early November. A 2-inch layer of mulch will give the plants good protection if it is applied after the plants have been hardened by a few frosts but still before freezing weather. Blossom buds for next year's crop are already formed and if temperatures fall below 20° F they will be injured.

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To protect young fruit trees against rodent, place a cylinder of hardware cloth around each tree. Use 1/4 inch mesh hardware cloth and push the cylinder into the soil so mice cannot get underneath. Be sure the overlapped edges are securely fastened.

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Shading the southwest side of the main trunk of fruit trees will help prevent sunscald. Strips of burlap can be wrapped around the trunks or shading can be accomplished by fastening boards to the southwest side of the trunk and to large branches.

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Tender grapevines should be removed from the arbor or trellis and laid on the ground. Cover the vine with soil and soak thoroughly before the ground freezes.

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