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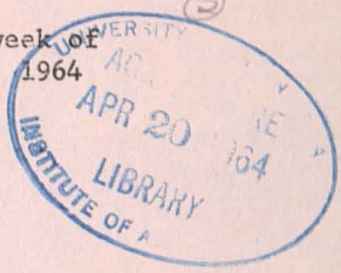
# Yard 'n' Garden



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## THE HOME LAWN

A good lawn brightens and unifies the entire landscape planting. Since it provides the setting for everything we do in the landscape, we need to give it special attention each spring.

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Early spring lawn care consists of fertilizing, seeding and weed control. In early spring the lawn should be cleaned with a brush-type rake to remove all leaves and debris which may have collected over winter. Use a garden rake to remove any heavy accumulations of lawn clippings.

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Next step is to apply a commercial fertilizer at the rate of 2 pounds of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. That would mean 20 pounds of a 10-8-6 analysis per 1,000 square feet.

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After fertilizing, water the soil thoroughly to prevent burning the grass and to get the moisture down to the roots where it is needed.

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Grass seed can be sown on bare spots immediately after the fertilizer is applied. For seeding in patches in the lawn, use straight bluegrass seed rather than a mix. If the basic grass in the lawn is fescue, however, use creeping red fescue.

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Pre-emergent type crabgrass killer should go on now. Choose from among arsenicals, dacthal and zytron. For broadleaved weeds, use 2,4-D in the amine form, especially designed for the home lawn.

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