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VACATION GARDENING

There's no need of letting your garden become unsightly during your vacation. Careful culture before you leave can help to keep the garden beautiful even while you're away. Here are some suggestions for conserving moisture, preventing weeds and keeping insects in check.

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Use a summer mulch to conserve moisture and control weeds. It may be a well-rotted barnyard manure, compost, buckwheat hulls or commercial peat. Careful weeding and fertilization should precede the application of the mulch. Then water the planting so that both planting and mulch are well soaked.

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Use a good all-purpose spray or dust for insect and disease control. For additional protection, use a miticide such as Ovex, Aramite, Tedion and Kelthane.

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Remove all flowers that are faded or mature. The garden will look better and flowers will continue to bloom better.

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If you expect to be gone longer than two weeks, arrange to have the garden watered if normal rainfall is inadequate.

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