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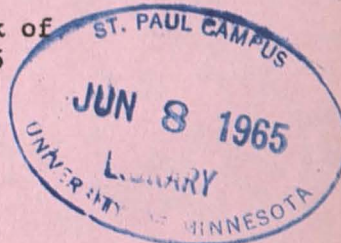
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*Yard 'n' Garden*



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PESTS IN THE GARDEN

**Pests** such as insects, diseases and weeds can be troublesome and make gardening a chore. It's a good idea to keep tab on the many different pests that can attack your garden.

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Thrip is one of the principle problems with the gladiolus. This is a very small insect which usually invades the bud scales of the flowers or the basal portions of the leaves, causing distortion of the bloom. DDT gives effective control.

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Aphids are often troublesome on many different ornamental plants. Usually they will be in the garden during the early part of the season and later in the fall. To control the aphid, use malathion. This may be applied either as a spray or a dust.

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Spider mites, which include several different species of spiders, are troublesome on evergreens as well as on annuals and perennials. Usually, they will cause partial wilting of the plant or curling of the leaf and russetting of the tissue on the lower sides of the leaves. To control this particular garden pest, use a miticide such as ovex, aramite or tetradifon (Tedion).

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Summer weeds are often a problem especially those which germinate late in the season such as purslane. Regular cultivation is one easy way of controlling these weeds. The garden rake will help to keep a dusty mulch on the garden and prevent some germination. Summer mulches, using organic materials such as compost or well rotted barnyard manures, will also help to control the weeds.

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