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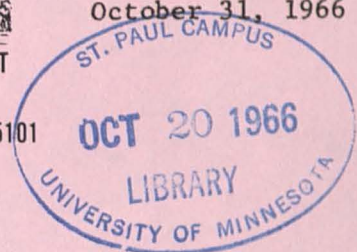
Yard 'n' Garden



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GARDEN CHEMICALS

Now is a good time to evaluate our present gardens and begin to think of improvements for next year. It is a particularly good time to evaluate the program used this year for the control of insect and disease problems. Are the flowers, fruits and vegetables harvested from your garden free from insect and disease damage? Identify and evaluate these problems now in order that you might be prepared to control them if they recur next year.

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The key to controlling disease problems in the garden is prevention. Most disease problems cannot be effectively controlled after the disease symptoms are apparent.

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Evaluate the materials used this year to control insect and disease problems in the garden. Were these chemicals recommended for use in the garden? Are they effective for controlling the pests? How safe are they for use with your equipment and with your crops? You should know the answers to these questions before you begin plans for next year's garden.

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Most insecticides and fungicides have a storage life of one year or more and can be kept for use next year, but they must be stored properly. Keep them dry and in a cool place. Tightly sealed metal containers can be useful for this purpose. Be sure the materials are labeled. If the material is stored in containers other than the original packages, keep the original package label with the chemical.

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Insecticides and fungicides within reach of children and irresponsible people are hazards to all. Store all garden chemicals in a safe place out of reach of children. A lock on the door is an excellent idea.

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