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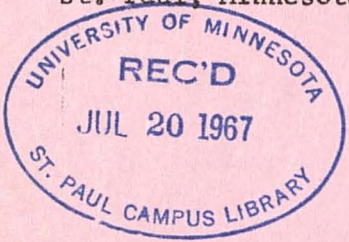
Yard 'n' Garden



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CARE OF STRAWBERRY PLANTINGS

Your June strawberries have stopped bearing and now is the time to begin renovating the old planting to assure a good crop next year.

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Most likely you have a solid bed of plants. If these plants are too crowded, you will not have good quality berries next year.

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Mow the plants with a scythe or mower to renovate them. Rake up the leaves and mulch and remove from the patch. Stretch strings 4 feet apart across the patch to mark the location of new rows. Then cultivate or plow out all the plants between the strings, leaving a narrow row about 8 inches wide under each string. The new rows should be on either side of the original row of plants. Use a hoe to thin out the plants in the remaining rows so they are spaced about 6 to 8 inches apart.

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You can improve the planting with a side dressing of a complete fertilizer applied at a rate of 1 pound per 25-foot row.

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You will find new plants forming soon. By fall you should have a new, well established bed ready for spring production. Keep the planting cleanly cultivated and water during dry spells. Keep the new bed no wider than 18 inches.

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