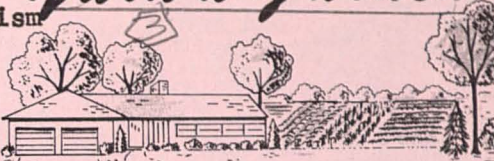


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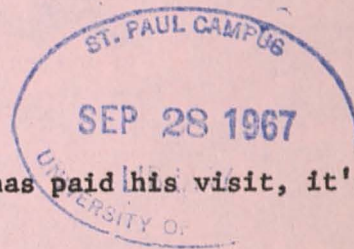
Yard 'n' Garden



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FALL CLEANUP

After your vegetables are harvested and after Jack Frost has paid his visit, it's time to think of cleaning up the garden for next spring.

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If diseases and insects have been prevalent in the garden this past summer, it's wise to remove the debris and burn it.

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Remove dead plants and rake up old fruits of tomato, cucumber, melons and squash that you failed to harvest. Such removal will help prevent many volunteer plants in the garden next year.

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If you did a good job in controlling pests in your garden, you should compost the refuse instead of burning it. Rake up leaves from your lawn too and add them to the refuse pile.

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Start the compost pile in back of your garage or in some other secluded spot. For each 25 square feet of pile surface, apply about a pound of any complete garden fertilizer. The fertilizer will hasten the decomposition of the refuse and in addition will make the compost more valuable as organic matter. Keep the top of the pile low in the center so it will collect rain water. Soaking the pile with water as it is built will help hold the refuse in place and hasten decomposition. Next spring the compost can be applied to your garden plot as a soil conditioner and fertilizer.

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