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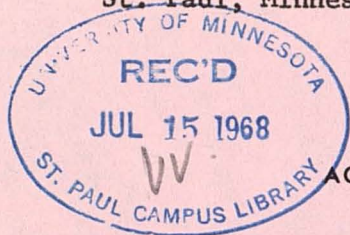
YARD 'N' GARDEN



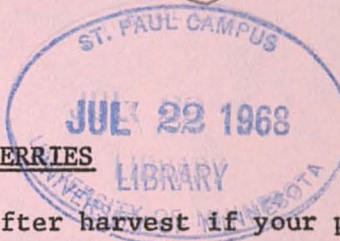
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RENOVATING STRAWBERRIES

Consider renovating the strawberry patch after harvest if your planting has been carried over and fruit production has dropped.

Some strawberry growers abandon their patch after harvesting the first crop. Others carry the planting over for a second or even a third crop.

Mow the plants down to the ground. Rake the leaves and mulch, and remove them from the patch.

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Next, cultivate between the rows, leaving a narrow band of plants about 8 to 10 inches wide. Remove any old, weak plants, leaving only strong and vigorous young plants. A sidedressing of a complete fertilizer, such as 10-10-10, should be applied at the rate of 1 pound per 25 feet of row. If the weather is dry, a thorough watering will speed new growth.

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Herbicides can be applied immediately after renovation for weed control, but good results depend on using them correctly. Both Dacthal and Sesone will control annual germinating weed seeds. If weeds are present, hand weed the planting thoroughly before spraying.

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