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YARD 'N' GARDEN



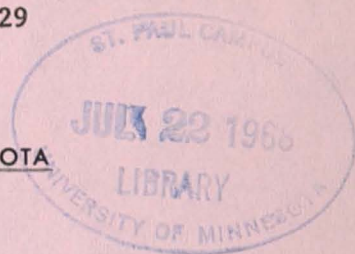
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Plants need plenty of water during summer months. Water should be applied in great enough quantities so the soil is wet at least six inches deep. Avoid frequent waterings which penetrate only a few inches.

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Annual beds should be only lightly fertilized during the summer. Fertilizer is water soluble and could be applied on a monthly basis.

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Mulches can help conserve moisture, reduce soil temperature and control weeds. Mulches also prevent mud from splashing on flowers and foliage during heavy rains and watering.

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Withered flowers and leaves should be removed. Both are unsightly and may be a site for disease organisms to increase. If old flowers are allowed to remain on the plants, seed formation may reduce the plant's vigor.

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Insects may become a problem. A common garden insecticide may be used. Sprays are better than dusting. The entire plant leaf surface should be covered.

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If you must cultivate for weed control, hoe very shallowly. If you hoe too deeply, you can injure the plant's root system.

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