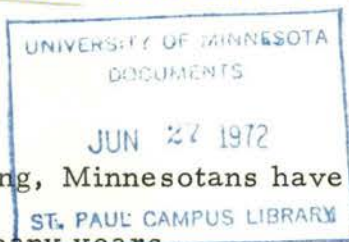


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Care For New Trees



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Because of the wet spring, Minnesotans have enjoyed the best tree planting season in many years.

But University of Minnesota foresters say that proper care for new trees is still vital to get them established.

They recommend that trees be planted with roots in a proper position and with soil firmed in around the roots. Trees can be watered once or twice a week.

Competing weeds and grasses should be kept clear from around the tree.

And if you are going to burn fields or trash near trees, be sure and plow a firebreak to prevent damage to trees.

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Lawn Care

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Gypsum, which is often recommended to make lawns less hard, is not needed for Minnesota lawns.

A University of Minnesota extension specialist says that gypsum is often used to soften hard sodium soils. But there are no significant problems with sodium soils in the state so gypsum is useless.

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Control Garden Slugs

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Garden slugs that damage vegetables and fruits have thrived in the wet spring weather.

The best way to control slugs is to wait until the garden dries out. Then wet a small area of the garden to attract slugs and apply the chemical poison bait metaldehyde (me-tal-da-hide) in the area.

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