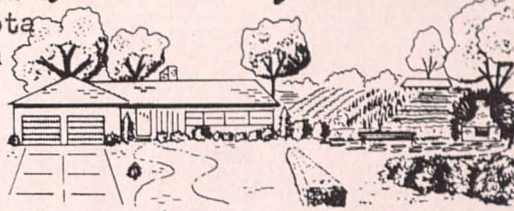


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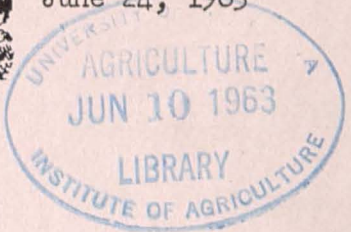
Yard'n' Garden



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WHILE YOU ARE AWAY

Many gardeners hesitate to leave their gardens for a vacation away from home. Here are some tips to help ease your mind while on vacation:

1. Before leaving, weed the garden and apply a summer mulch. The mulch may be a commercial peat, sphagnum moss, buckwheat hulls or decomposed compost. Place a layer 2 to 3 inches deep.
2. Give the lawn and garden a thorough watering. Be sure the water has soaked in at least 8 inches. If you are to be gone an extended period of time, leave the soaker hose in the flower border. It will simplify the neighbor's job in helping to water while you are gone.
3. Pick all flowers that are in full bloom. Dead flowers in the garden can soon give the border an abandoned look.
4. Place plastic bags loosely over your house plants after giving them a thorough watering. This will help to conserve moisture.
5. If you are closing your draperies, find a window with some sun where you can group your plants.
6. Invite a neighbor to inspect your plantings in case serious problems should develop. Leave the name and phone number of your nurseryman with him in case treatment is necessary.

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