

There are a lot of advantages to having a well built fence, and not the least of them is the service it performs as a dog guard and baby

sitter. A good fence built in a sturdy, but handsome, pattern of vertical offset boards, basketweave or estate styling is not only escape-proof for two-footed roamers, but also effective towards keeping wandering canines on the other side of the line. Such fences can be built inexpensively of tough wood like western red cedar, and either stained to match the house siding or trim, or left to weather to a soft gray shade.

For Lawns With a Jekyll-Hyde Complex, Try Improving Mowing

Grass and diamonds are similar in that their ultimate value depends on the way they are cut. There, however, the similarity ends. There are four major grasses to be found on lawns across the country today:

1. fine-creeping bent, shady lawns
2. regular—Kentucky blue, red top, clover
3. tough—Bernuda, St. Augustine
4. common weeds

Today's brand name rotary power mowers have been designed to perform efficiently and with rewarding results on all these various types of grass. That is, if you are mowing correctly.

Edging with a power mower has been a challenge to many home gardeners who end up with scalped areas, shredded annuals and dirt and stones scattered on the lawn along flower beds.

THE BORDER of any well groomed lawn should be prepared for mowing with a rotary power mower. Experts suggest that the home gardener consider this when planting his annuals, laying a flower bed or seeding a narrow border.

The edges, as well as any other irregular surfaces, should be trimmed gently to eliminate any peaked areas that invite scalping. The plantings should be set back far enough from the border so the mower can cut with enough width to insure a clean, neatly trimmed border.

A common problem in mowing lawns that feature varied border

patterns is that little—if any—allowance has been made for the stepping and turning room of the operator.

IF A GARDEN PATH requires two trips with the mower—up and back—then the gardener should figure out how much maneuvering space he needs so that he doesn't cut into the lawn with sharp, tight turns, or step on his wife's prize asters.

The garden area in the immediate vicinity of the border should be checked for pebbles and branches and raked clean.

Frequently, power mower trimming along sidewalks and flagstone paths is impeded by the fact that the stone or concrete is set above the natural contour line of the lawn.

Here experts suggest that the low areas of lawn paralleling sidewalks can be built up with topsoil, tamped firm and seeded to insure even, easy trimming.

long, they can burn the lawn. If, after two or three mowings you still find that you have a clipping problem, it is very likely you are cutting too close. Try setting your blade up higher.

ARRANGE WATERING a and mowing schedules that don't conflict with each other. Don't water just before mowing. Dry grass cuts much cleaner than wet grass, which mats and tends to clog up under the mower housing.

Mowing with an independently powered rider-mower affords the home gardener the advantage of being able to cut his lawn with the full power of the mower's engine—in this case none of the power is discounted to pull or push the riding unit.

Before beginning the day's mowing project, the operator should first check under the housing to make sure that any grass that might have collected has been cleared away. Also check the blade —a sharp blade makes for a sharp lawn.

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Rougher the Better

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A cool item for putting a lot of water down without washing away the dirt is the MEL-O-ROD. A hose attachment.

FERTILIZE the lawn for "Heavens sake"—and for the sake of the grass use one of these:

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Apply CHLORDANE to the lawn. The larva or grubs prefer sod—especially OLD sod and (again) especially sandy soil. This is why the Buttes are worse in one area than in another.

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INDETERMINATES—What are those little white things all over? We haven't done a thing to our lawn this year and now it is getting yellow. What is wrong with it? Why do those little bugs get in the Onions?

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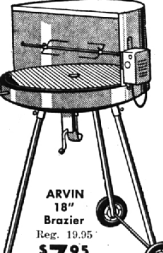
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