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New Technique Conserves Water

A fairly recent technique which can help conserve our water supply as we take care of our home grounds this summer is to use a spray of a plastic coating diluted in water which holds back the rate of transpiration. This means vapor loss.

Do not water daily but once a week for a long time.

Many of you have viburnums in your shrub row which begin to form berries after the flowering cycle. If you cut off the flowers, remember, no berries, which give the best show of the season for viburnums.

It seems as though every new home owner has a flowering dogwood (Cornus Florida) on his wish list. If you want a shrub which can give you ten times the beauty show of white flowers instead be sure and plant a Doublefile viburnum which has chalk white flowers set flat on the branches. Place this specimen in full sun for best results.

A NEW BOOKLET has been printed by the Brooklyn Botanical gardens, Brooklyn, 25, New York.

Gardening in Window Boxes is an outstanding chapter on plants, lists, or all exposures and techniques to achieve good results.

This chapter gives the techniques seen in Europe for growing vertical gardens. This is done by constructing a container filled with moist peat with the plants receiving a hydroponic feeding. I wish some of these local gardeners with Florida rooms would study this idea for a winter exotic accent in their homes.

Other booklets you will want for your library are "100 Finest Trees and Shrubs," "Propagation," "Mulches," "Lawns," "Roses," "House Plants," "Garden Structures," "Rock and Wall Gardens," "Pruning and Trimming," "Flowering Shrubs," "Dwarf Trees and Shrubs for Collectors," and "Lilies and Their Culture."

These books can form a fine source library for our many readers who are enjoying the thrill of becoming acquainted with new plants and ideas to make gardening as a hobby their good health prescription.

VALLEY WOODS—The Valley Woods branch of the WNFGA will meet June 9 at the home of Mrs. Norman Jamieson, 32036 Eastlady at 12:30 p.m.

Russell Grinnell, guest speaker, will discuss mums. Co-hostesses are Mrs. H. R. Kilmashy, Mrs. William S. Leeking and Mrs. Ted Pazdas. Flower arrangements will be brought by Mrs. George Weber.

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