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Home Improvement Urged In Spring

Now is the time to think about spring home improvement. By cleaning up your attic and cellar, you will not only make your house spic and span from top to bottom, but also reduce the fire hazards and improve your property.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters which has endorsed Spring home improvement movement for years, points out that over 300,000 home fires occur every year.

MANY OF THESE fires start in accumulations of old newspapers and other combustible material in cellars and attics. By eliminating these fire hazards through home improvement, your home can be made a more fire safe place.

The national board offers these spring improvement suggestions: Get rid of debris: Throw out rubbish or anything combustible that you don't need that now is piled in the attic, closets, the cellar, or the garage.

PREVENT OUTSIDE FIRES: Clean up your yard. Keep grass cut low along buildings. Never burn papers on a windy day, and use an incinerator wherever possible.

Throw out old paint cans and oily rags: If oily rags are to be retained, keep them in closed metal containers. Hang up mops and paint-soiled clothing so air can circulate around them. Remember, paint and oil-soaked rags can heat up from chemical action and burst into flame.

CHECK ELECTRICAL fuses: Use 15 ampere fuses in all regular household circuits. The fuses are put there to protect your appliances and your home from damage and possible fire, which can occur when wires are overloaded or a short circuit develops.

Keep wiring in good repair and have all work done by an expert electrician.

FLAMMABLE liquids: Don't use gasoline in the house. Many persons are killed each year trying to clean with gasoline, benzine and naphtha. It takes only a tiny flame or spark—even from static electricity—to ignite their vapors. (Check stoves and heaters: Spring is a good time to have servicemen come in and check all heaters. Too many fires are caused by faulty heating equipment.

Portable heaters: If you use portable heaters to take off the chill on spring days, make sure they do not create a fire hazard. Electric heaters should be placed where the hot heating element will not come in contact with blankets, clothing, or other things that might catch fire.

Be sure heater cords are in good repair, and never run cords under rugs or over nails where the insulation might fray, causing a short circuit.

IF YOU USE portable oil or gas heaters, turn them off before going to bed. Too many people die of carbon monoxide poisoning.



Glows with Gas

Soft gleam of gas light glows throughout the land again from handsome metal lanterns.

every year because they use unvented oil or gas heaters in tightly closed rooms.

It's best to keep a door or window open slightly when an unvented heater is in use.

All portable heaters should be kept in places where they can't be knocked over or tipped.

When buying a new heater, look for the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., label. When buying a gas heater, buy one approved by the American Gas association.

CHIMNEYS: Spring is a good time to clean soot out of chimneys and smoke pipes. Check same for cracks and holes.

Ash receptacles: If yours is a coal furnace, remember to keep ashes in covered metal containers. Hot ashes in wood boxes cause many building fires.

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The threads of steel sheet metal screws extend from the point to the head. This makes them useful for holding in thin surfaces such as hollow core doors.

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Have a Ball In Your Garden

Problems are inherent in gardening—but there is one common problem that gardeners bring on themselves. That is, taking their gardening so seriously it becomes all work and no play!

There are certain things, if you take pride in the area around your home which must be done, mowing the lawn, raking leaves, water-

ing, planting a tree if you need shade.

BUT, THERE simply isn't time in the few perfect-gardening weekends to do all the things you probably want to do.

Just remember that there will be another spring—so take your time, relax and enjoy the garden and lawn you have this year!

SPRING SPURS

MULCH:—A material to spread on the garden and borders to prevent weeds from taking over.

This is true—**BUT**, if you put on grass clippings, peat moss, buckwheat hulls, etc. before the latter part of June you may do more harm than good. Early applications promote the development of mildew and rot the plants. **WAIT UNTIL AFTER JUNE 15th.**

STRAWBERRIES:—By this time the SONJANA CLIMBING STRAWBERRIES should be available. They are good, fantastic, beautiful, perennial and require about 2 square feet or a big pot or tub to return manyfold the stinking little bit they cost—\$2.50 each or 3 for \$6.95.

Lazy people don't have to bend over to pick them because they produce up to eye-level.

GRASS CUTTING:—This time we are not arguing about 2" height. Efficient equipment is the subject. **TORO MOWERS** in reel type or rotary are the best in the field today. Perhaps there are "prettier" ones, or cheaper ones—but not better or even as good as **TOROS**. These machines have "guided missile" research in back of them to:—

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- Adjust to proper height.
- Make a perfect cut.
- Operate with minimum maintenance.
- Fit the average pocket book.
- Mulch leaves.
- Collect clippings.
- Satisfy the owner.
- Demonstrations at the store.

WEED KILLING:—Despite the research efforts being made to develop ONE material to control everything but good grass we have not arrived at that point.

- Endothal kills clover and knotweed.
- Clover-kill kills clover.
- Vaughan's chickweed killer is effective.
- DuPont's chickweed killer is effective.

But we are interested now in dandelions and other broadleaved weeds.

Spray the entire lawn with Mc-B's Lawn Weed Killer, Ortho's Weed-B-Gon or DuPont's Weed Killer. Use a little pressure. Pay attention to the amount to put on each 200 sq. ft. Be honest—be accurate—and then put your equipment away until September 15th. If you do a good job you may not need to do it in September.

STATUES, FOUNTAINS, BIRD BATHS:

By new your yard is probably in such perfect condition that you can consider developing a special point of interest—such as a:—

- Stone bird bath.
- Fountain and pool arrangement.
- Carved, cast or lead figure to accent a corner.
- Delightful fern or flower candle lights for a terrace supper.
- Fire-fly or Flower Lights to back up a foliage display.
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