

Fast Action Best In Treatment of Rug Spots, Stains

The best guarantee against serious stains is prompt attention. Always use a clean, white cloth or white tissues to blot up liquids before they soak into the carpet pile and spread through the backing.

"DELAYED-ACTION" stains are caused by a certain type of sugar in fruit juices, soft drinks and other beverages. You may blot up a spill and sigh with relief because you don't see any stain.

But the sugar is still there, and the combined action of air and sunlight eventually turns it into a hopeless brown spot.

So, whether you see a stain or not, at least sponge the area with clean, cool water, blot well and cover with a weighted pad to dry.

IT'S A GOOD idea to keep a kit of stain-removing materials. You can assemble your own kit very easily.

Be sure it includes clean, white, unclotted cloths, white cleansing tissues and paper towels, spatula, cellulose sponge, light-duty detergent, white vinegar, household ammonia, dry-cleaning fluid, measuring cup and spoons.

You may want to add rubber-gloves, a medicine dropper, and a brush to raise the carpet pile after it dries.



Color Is the Key

Coordinated color styling is the key to high fashion in the kitchen this spring. Inexpensive, easy-to-use covering materials can lend a fresh note to your kitchen by providing matching/contrasting or complementary accents. Workable colors and compatible patterns will brighten your cutlery drawers and cupboard shelves and give a new look to worn canisters, planters and splash areas, too.

Supermarkets Replace Old Food Cellars

"Exurbians" who've moved to the country to "get away from it all" are learning from farm families that a good supply of fresh and frozen foods always on hand is almost a necessity far from the supermarket.

They're discovering that long hauls to a far-away food store are costly in gasoline and wear-and-tear on the family car, time consuming, and nerve-racking, if not impossible, in bad weather.

Like many farm families, the exurbians' solution is a roomy, modern electric refrigerator-freezer—a supermarket right at home—that's big enough to make once-weekly food buying practical.

THE ZERO-ZONE freezing section holds large quantities of both home-frozen and commercially packaged foods, preserving flavor and texture for months, if need be. Many of the new models never need defrosting—a factor that means more storage space and much less fuss and muss. Roll-out shelves and lift-out baskets, plus automatic ice makers or ice cube ejectors and bins, make frozen-food storage more efficient.

The ample refrigerator section of a new electric refrigerator-freezer, with its special compartments for meat, eggs, butter and cheese, vegetables, and extra-large bottles, keeps food fresh for days.

FAMILIES who live in the country, especially appreciate being able to freeze fresh farm produce for out-of-season use.

Although most produce can be preserved by canning or storage in a root cellar or spring house, only a freezer or freezer section can yield a winter-time medley of fruit and vegetables with the fresh flavor and texture they had when ripe-picked in the cool of a summer morning.

Wood preservative, such as creosote, may be applied to new fence posts without the usual mess by using a galvanized steel pail and a paint brush. Fill the pail about half full of liquid preservative and insert the bottom end of the post in it. Paint upward as desired. Excess liquid will run back into the pail.

Lights That Think

If you are shopping for an electric post light to illuminate your yard and walk, you might want one with an electronic brain. Many of the large variety available are equipped with photoelectric cells that automatically turn the light on at dusk and off at sunrise.

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Federal Fix-Up Loans Help Re-Landscape

Homeowners desiring to landscape or re-landscape their property this spring may find it advantageous to look into the new type of home improvement loan which the Federal Housing Administration is currently sponsoring.

UNDER provisions authorized by the Federal Housing Act of 1961 (section 203k and 220h), FHA will now provide rehabilitation loans in amounts starting at \$1,000 up to \$10,000 per dwelling unit, depending on its size and location. It is reported. The loan has a maturity of 5, 10, 15, or 20 years, bearing a maximum rate of six percent simple interest, plus one-half percent of the FHA insurance premium.

Secured loans also may be made under Title One of the housing act. These are limited to \$3,500 and are repayable in five years or less.

The new loans, however, are designed primarily for the rehabilitation of older properties and the dwelling must be at least 10 years old on the date of the loan application, unless the loan is to be used primarily for major structural improvements such as fallout shelter.

IN ADDITION to this, such loans can only be granted "for basic improvements to the real estate in order to make properties more livable." Basic improvement, says the government, includes home landscaping.

This may come as good news to homeowners who are awakening to the needs of landscaping for effective home improvement. Outdated landscaping on home properties can be modernized and at the same time have the money returned in increased resale value for the property—this is the opinion of home owners who have landscaped their properties, according to the American Association of Nurserymen.

In a Pennsylvania State University study made recently, 62 percent of home owners who have landscaped their homes estimated that the plantings have increased the value of their real estate from two to more than ten times the

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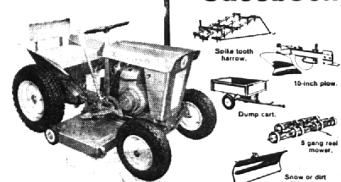


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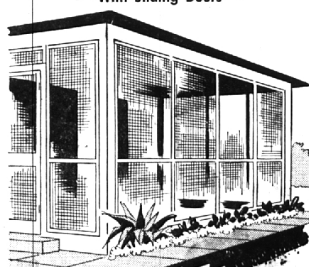
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