

**Seeding,
Weeding
and mulch
more**

For the avid gardener

3. Apply the amounts of lime and fertilizer recommended, based on test results.
4. If needed, apply broadleaved weed killers to your lawn.
5. Water shallow rotted plants, especially broadleaved evergreens, following dry spells of

- 10 days or more
6. Apply mulches where needed around roses, landscape beds, strawberries and other herbaceous perennials
7. Start a compost pile
8. Prepare the garden for spring - incorporate lime, phosphorus,

- and composted organic matter
9. If rabbits or rodents have damaged plants in the past, provide protection for susceptible varieties.
10. Take advantage of the beautiful weather to build or renovate a fence, walk, or patio

Rose Care and Fall Chores

Fall is a good time to give your rose plants the care that will help them through winter and promote more flowers next spring. That's advice from Mary H. Meyer, Extension horticulturist.

If growth this past year hasn't been what you expected, have your soil tested. Then you can fertilize to correct any nutrient deficiencies or imbalances.

Roses grow best at a pH of 6.0 to 6.5. "Soil with a higher or lower pH may have needed trace elements tied up and therefore not available for plant use," says Meyer. Soil test kits are available from your county Extension service office.

After the first hard frost, prune back hybrid tea rose plants to 18 inches in height to reduce whipping by winter winds. In late November, mound soil around the plant so that the graft union is covered by

two inches of soil. Bring this soil in from another area of the garden to prevent injury to shallow roots. Remove all dead rose leaves from the ground as they are often a source of disease for the next season.

After the ground has frozen, further protect plants with oak leaves, corn stalks or other organic material that won't pack down. This material can be held in place with a circle of chicken wire or by old bushel baskets with the bottom removed. How neat you need to make this operation will depend on how visible the rose garden is during the winter months.

TEN GARDEN ACTIVITIES FOR FALL

Mary H. Meyer, also says that fall is an ideal time for other garden activities.

1. Plant hardy trees, shrubs, lawns, bulbs, and herbaceous perennials. Fall is the best time for them to develop what they need to survive - roots.

2. If it has not been done recently, have the soil in your garden, lawn and landscape beds tested.

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Penn State Dairy Science Club Honored



Selected as the 2nd best Dairy Science Club in the United States was the Penn State Dairy Science Club. Judging for the honor took place at the American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) meeting in Madison, Wis., earlier this summer.

In addition to the club's recognition, several individuals were honored. Club president Phil Taylor was elected 3rd vice president of the ADSA Student Affiliate Chapter. Ernest Gelsing Sr. received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Scott Paper Towel Division, and seven club members were recognized for scholastic achievement. Club co-advisor Dr. Larry Muller received the Outstanding Advisor Award from the Student Division.

Members representing Penn State were from left: Dr. Tom Sweeney, club advisor; Ernest Gelsing, Robesonia; Karon Long, Willow Street; Dave Trotter, Enon Valley; Anna Belle Crom, Jamestown; Suzy Voight, Lafayette, NJ; Tom Kehr, Littlestown; Marilyn Reynolds, Pittsfield; Janice Mummey, Sunbury; Phil Taylor, Cranesville; and Dr. Larry Muller, club advisor.

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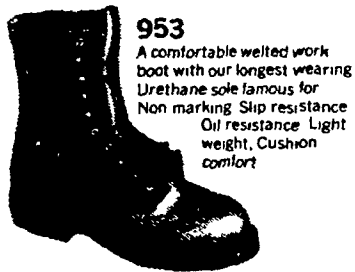
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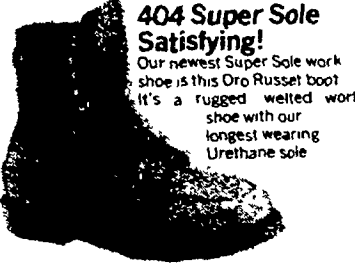
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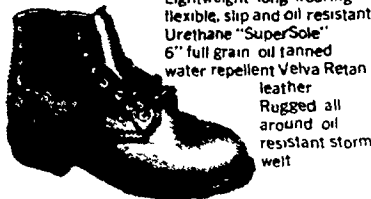
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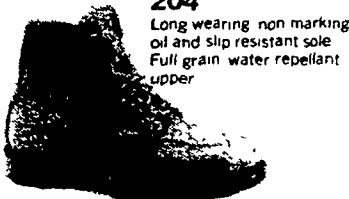
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