

**All Gardens  
Great & Small**  
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**Roses All' Season Long**

Roses are the essence of late summer. Gardeners who are photographers, painters or sculptors, use roses all summer long in every setting imaginable.

Roses are used for lawn plantings, flower borders, for growing on arbors and trellises, as specimen tree roses, as hedges, and as bedding plants. No matter what their use, all

varieties are an excellent source of cut flowers to fill your house all summer long.

Although the spring and summer planting season is past, many nurseries carry roses throughout the summer and fall. Fall planted roses require winter mulching. Cover the crowns in mid-November with mulch, soil, compost or shredded leaves or pine needles.

Roses grow best where they have full sunshine all day. Some roses grow satisfactorily if they have only six hours of sun. If your garden is shaded, plant roses where they will have morning sun. If leaves remain wet with morning dew too long, they may be susceptible to black spot and several leaf diseases.

Roses are defined by their habits of growth and are called either bush, climbing or shrub roses. Full grown bush roses range in height from 1 to 6 feet high and require no support. Climbing roses produce long canes and must have some kind of support such as a trellis or an arbor.

Carefree landscape shrub roses have a variety of growth habits but often grow 5 to 6 feet in height and spread. These roses are low maintenance. They require little if any spraying. The fast growing 'Meidiland'

hybrid family of flowering shrub roses have many landscape applications. 'White' and 'red' Meidiland are low-growing ground covers, 'Pearl' and 'scarlet' meidiland have a mounting type of form. 'Pink' Meidiland and the all-American selection winner, Bonica are upright hedge growers that will arch as they mature.

Improved Meidiland roses adding mass color to the landscape include 'Alba', an improved white rose used as a 5 to 6 foot wide groundcover. It grows 2 to 2 1/2 feet high 'Royal' Bonica, is an improved Bonica sport producing orange hips in late fall and winter. 'Cherry' Meidiland has cherry red flowers with white eyes.

Meidiland roses look best when planted in mass rather than as a single specimen. Use them along a sunny driveway or use as a groundcover to cover a

bank. Look for them in mail order catalogues or garden centers.

Any questions regarding the above article can be addressed to Tom Becker, Penn State Cooperative Extension at (717) 840-7408.

## Ten Ways To Reduce Debt

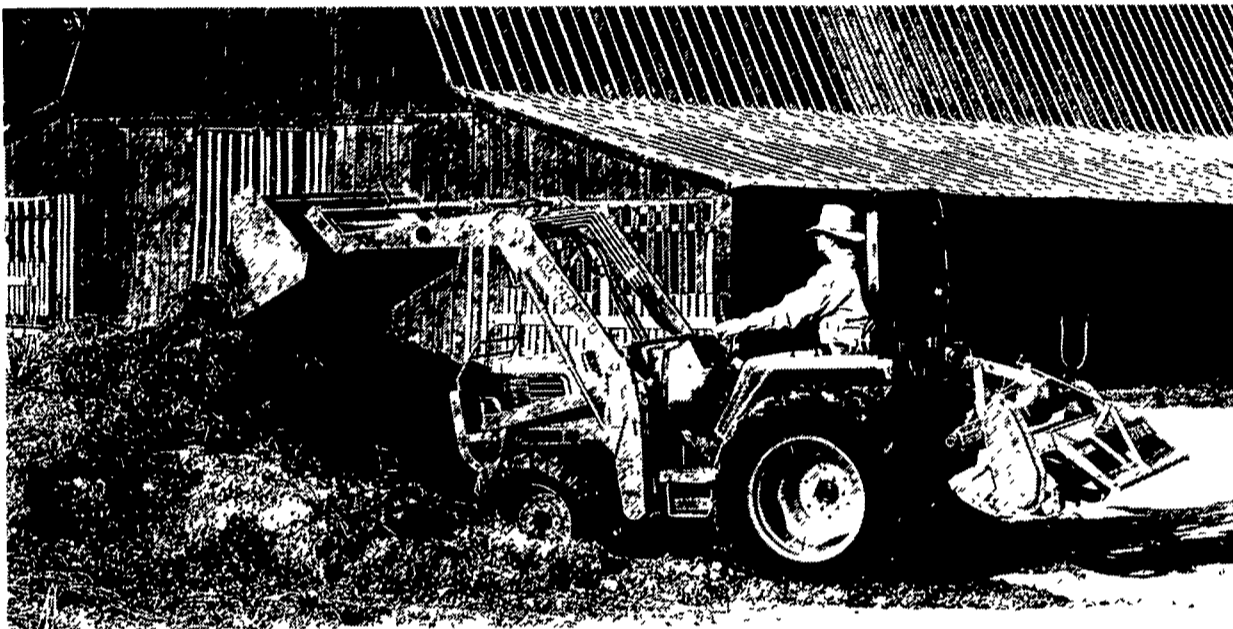
SPRINGFIELD (Delaware County) — Penn State Cooperative Extension is offering a free workshop "10 Ways to Reduce Debt" on Wednesday, October 7, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Delaware County office in Smedley Park, Springfield. Instructor for the workshop will be Robert J. Thee, Ph.D., CFP, extension agent, housing and family resource management from Lancaster County.

Are you buried in debt? Do you fight a seemingly hopeless battle to reduce your credit card balances? Would you like to learn how to get more from your credit dollar, obtain a copy of your credit bureau file, and avoid traps card issuers set to get more of your money? if so, help may be just a workshop away.

To register or for more information call Penn State Cooperative Extension for Delaware County at 690-2655 before October 5

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- Choose broccoli with tightly-packed heads
- Stalks should be green with dark green or purplish-green buds
- Broccoli may be refrigerated in a vegetable crisper or airtight container