

'Grasscycling' can help your lawn and the environment

Millions of Americans reduce, reuse and recycle... but grasscycling? Grasscycling is a new form of recycling that's gaining ground — make that popularity — among lawn care professionals and homeowners alike in an effort to reduce the millions of tons of clippings discarded into municipal landfills each year.

Clippings make up more than 10 percent of the total municipal waste dumped in landfills annually. Many areas have already passed laws to change the way we dispose of yard waste.

Grasscycling is a natural process of decay and renewal that recycles the nutrients present in grass blades. You can grasscycle by simply leaving short clippings on your lawn. Since grass is 85 percent water, short grass clippings decompose quickly, returning up to 20 percent of their nitrogen to the soil. This creates a valuable food supply for your lawn's root system.

Proper mowing is the key to effective grasscycling. Specially-designed mulching powers make

grasscycling easy by chopping clippings into tiny pieces and blowing them into the turf. This is particularly helpful in the spring, when seasonal showers accelerate your lawn's growth.

If you use a standard walk-behind or riding mower, follow the "one-third" rule: Mow your lawn often enough so that you cut only one third of the grass blade at any one time.

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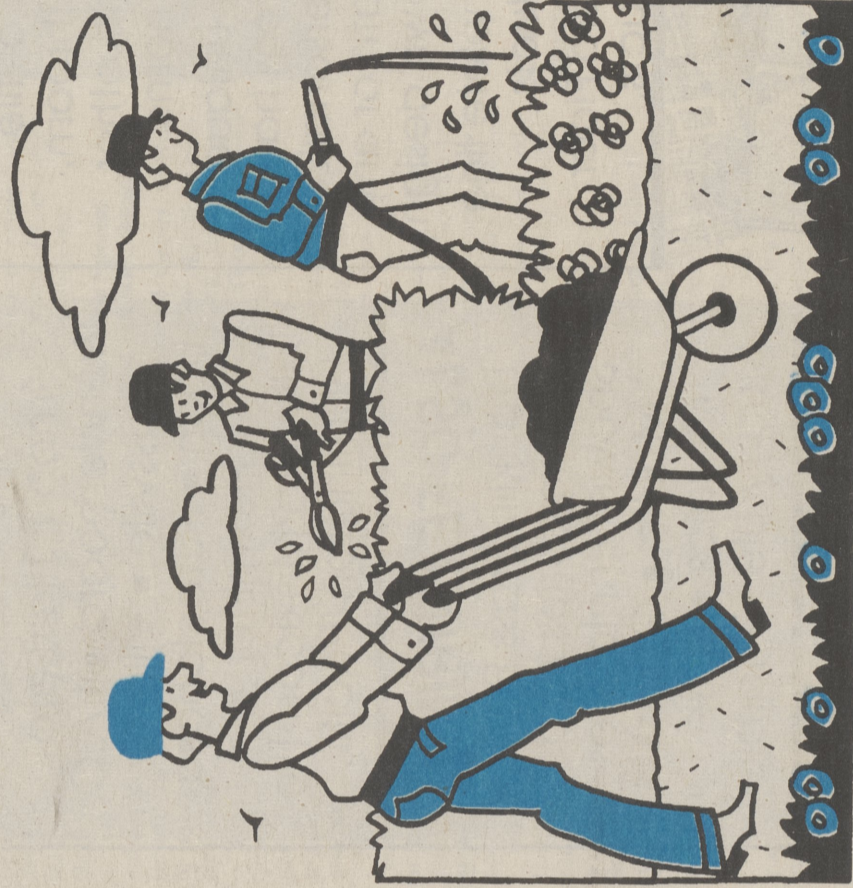
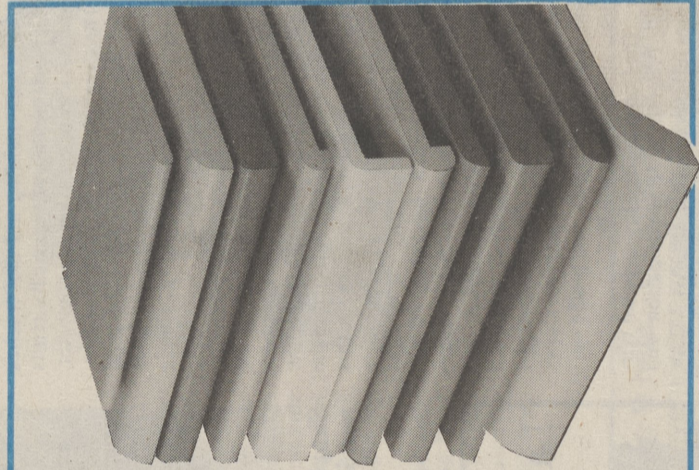
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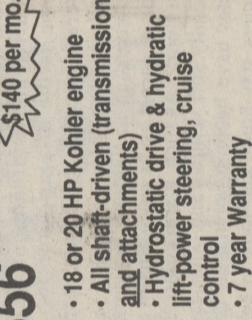
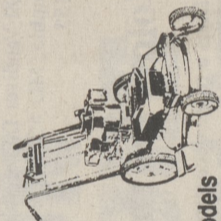
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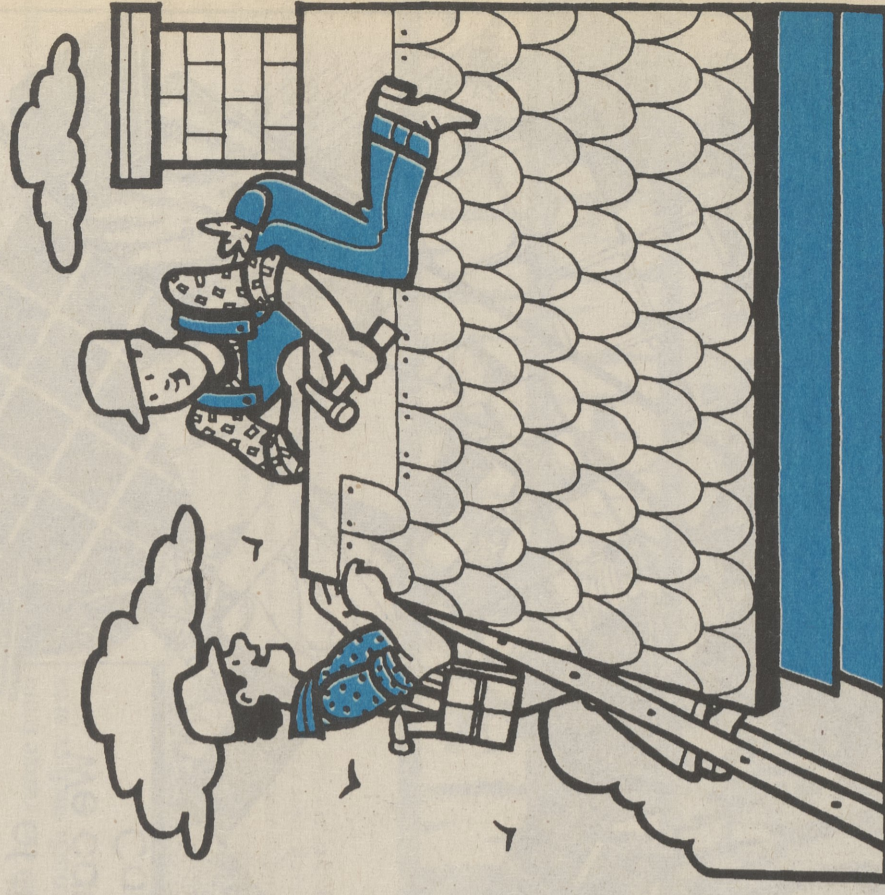
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