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Enlist the help of an old friend and...

Make spring cleaning chores a team effort

"Many hands make light work," according to the age-old saying. With such wise advice in mind, families might consider making a team effort when tackling the annual spring cleaning battle.

Rather than dreading the challenge, conquer it a simple way by incorporating a home rejuvenation program into the springtime activities of family members. Their full participation in an organized cleaning project will shrink the awesome chore into an easily manageable task, allowing more time for everyone to enjoy spring fever fun.

Family brainstorming

The makers of Bon Ami, America's favorite cleaning friend for almost 100 years, offer some ideas for a successful family program for home revitalization. Begin with a family brainstorming session to prioritize the various cleaning needs, starting with the most difficult and time-consuming to the easiest and smallest jobs.

Next, devise a cleaning work schedule that extends over a period of time (No spring cleaning fling can be accomplished overnight.) Each family member may choose particular times for their jobs that correspond with their schedules.

Then, assign different weekly duties to each person, according to age and ability. Some tasks may require the efforts of two or more, in which case they may set an agreed tackling time and date.

When trying to decide on which jobs to conquer first, the family might concentrate on their personal living area, such as a bedroom or work area. Since it is likely that each person will have more pride in cleaning their own area, the group project will get off to a successful start.

The next organized step is to work from the top to the bottom, beginning with the highest level and moving downstairs. Outside house cleaning should be reserved for the first warm weather weekend.

When establishing the cleaning timetable, it might be best to stagger hours so that cleaning supplies are not in multiple demand. It is also wise to arrange schedules so that two people are not working on different tasks at one time in the same room. This will eliminate confusion and reduce criticism of others' cleaning methods.

When the opportunity arises to tackle outdoor jobs, there are some key areas that shouldn't be overlooked. Remember to remove leaves and other debris from drain spouts and gutters to ensure rain flow to proper areas. This will reduce the possibility of water leaking through the roof which can lead to stained ceilings.

Next, rid winter grime from windows with a gentle effective cleaner, such as Bon Ami Cleaning Powder or Cake, which thoroughly removes soil, without leaving a scratch. Sparkling clean windows allow the warming spring sun to shine in and help indoor plants enjoy the growing season.

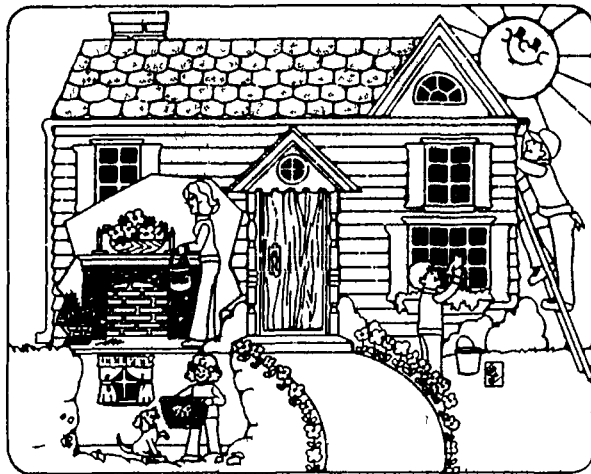
Spring is also the ideal time to clean out the fireplace so that it will be ready when winter drafts return. Once the ashes and soot are removed,

Remember to include the family pets in the cleaning project. While dogs depend on owners for a healthy brushing and sudsy scrubbing to remove winter coat build up, pets should also be treated to freshened living quarters.

Spring is the perfect time to clean and air out the cat's box, the bird's cage, and even the turtle's aquarium. Responsibilities of these tasks might go to the family member who cares most for the particular pet.

Thinking ahead

Throughout the weeks of the spring cleaning regimen, any family can accumulate its fair share of white elephants. Rather than toss these no-longer-precious items in a certain collecting spot, it might be simpler to clean and price them as they are found, then store in boxes for future yard or garage sale. This method saves the painstaking hours of organizing a sale the night before.



IT'S TIME TO CONQUER the spring cleaning challenge by enlisting the entire family in a home revitalization program. Include family members in the development of an organized cleaning plan. Then, when each person tackles chores according to a set schedule, the home quickly takes on a fresh, springtime appearance. With the aid of Bon Ami, America's "good friend" since 1886, and combined efforts of family members, spring cleaning can easily be managed before summer comes blazing in.

homeowners may want to take steps to make the fireplace appear cooler.

A simple and effective trick is to coat the inside with whitewash which can easily be removed with warm water when autumn comes.

Another cool idea is to replace the andirons with a large potted plant or basket of greens. Also, the usual kindling and logs can be substituted with pine branches for a refreshing effect.

YOUR HOME: COLOR IT ELEGANT!

A properly color-coordinated home can communicate a sense of elegance.

Experts say that the choices ought to be limited to three basic colors; for the roof, the siding and the trim.

Vinyl siding, for example, comes in a variety of colors that improve the curb appeal of any home.

NO VACANCIES: SIGN OF THE TIMES

Despite a trend among renters towards doubling up to cope with inflation and unemployment, the vacancy rate in apartments continues to drop, reports the Advance Mortgage Corp.

With larger units now in favor, however, some owners find it harder to rent studio and efficiency apartments.

Although spring cleaning seems like a never-ending process, it can easily be conquered with the aid of an eager, active family, and the recommendations for an orga-

nized approach to the battle from the cleaning experts at Bon Ami, America's "good friend" that cleaning enthusiasts have counted on since 1886.

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If the crack is one-fourth the handle's diameter or less, just tape it tightly with black plastic electrician's tape. Wrap the handle twice and carry the tape six inches beyond each end of the crack. The mended shovel will be usable but may not be quite as sturdy as it was, so treat it carefully

If the crack is greater than one-fourth the diameter, you'll need to make a more extensive repair, according to Ortho's book "How to Select, Use and Maintain Garden Equipment." But mending with glue and rivets will make the handle almost as strong as a new one

First step in the repair, according to Ortho experts, is to spread the crack slightly with your hands and force white, water-resistant wood glue into the break

This same repair can be made by using a small nut and bolt with a washer instead of a rivet. But unless you countersink the nut and bolt, the repair will not look as good as the glue and rivet repair

When the glue has set, drill a hole for a rivet or, if the crack is long, drill two holes. Insert the rivet and place the handle on a solid surface such as an anvil or vice. Use a hammer to spread the rivet shank and drive it into a flattened dome. Use the same procedure for the second rivet if required.

If the break in the handle cannot be repaired, buy a new handle—not a new shovel. Steps for replacing a shovel handle are outlined in Ortho's "How to Select, Use & Maintain Garden Equipment"

Cracked handles can be repaired almost as strong as new with glue and rivets.

1. Spread the crack and force in the glue

2. Drill a hole (or two for a long crack) to fit a rivet

3. Insert a rivet in each hole. Spread the rivet shank and shape it into a flattened dome with a hammer.

A small nut and bolt with washer can also be used, but it won't be quite as nice a repair unless countersunk.

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There are two types of garlic. The standard type can be purchased in any supermarket and has a bulb containing about 10 small cloves. The other variety is called "Elephant Garlic," and grows about six times larger than the standard and may weight up to a full pound.

To grow your own garlic successfully, remember, in cold regions, plant in the spring; in warm or moderate regions, plant in the fall.

Garlic bulbs are ready to harvest when the tops fall over. Store in a cool dry place or hang in bunches by braiding the tops into strings.

According to Ortho's book "All About Bulbs," garlic is indispensable in Italian and French salad dressings. Slowly simmered in butter, it makes a zesty sauce for meats, fish, and vegetables.

Hanging gardens

The hanging gardens of Babylon were really a series of roof gardens and decks, according to the Ortho book "How to Design & Build Decks & Patios." A series of raised planter boxes or multi-level decks surrounding a sunken patio would simulate this classic design.

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Now, you can decorate your home the easy way when you shop by mail

The holidays are over and now it's time to start working on spring spruce up! This annual event can run the gamut from a thorough house-cleaning to interior decoration to major renovation.

In the past, decorating was an exhausting and often frustrating experience. It required a lot of time, money and patience to do a professional-looking job.

A new approach

Now all of that has been changed as a full collection of home furnishings is being presented through the mail by one of the leading exponents of taste and quality in home decor.

Lillian Vernon, who has been offering her unique selection of gifts, collectibles and gourmet accessories for

31 years, and who personally shops the world for this unusual merchandise, is now introducing a new catalog.

Attractive presentation

The "Lillian Vernon at Home" catalog looks more like a stylish women's shelter magazine than a mail order book.

It shows complete room settings of great decorating ideas, it also is a one-step shopping source for furnishing every room in the house—including the kitchen and bathroom.

The cache of treasures include handmade, mutely colored Dhurrie rugs, numbered serigraphs from limited editions, lighting ideas, unusual accessories from all over the world, and furniture, some of which is handcrafted

There's modern decor, a country kitchen, and many rooms that feature a combination of styles to make an eclectic look.

Unlike some custom resources which take up to six months to deliver furniture, Lillian Vernon is determined that all orders from the At Home catalog will be shipped within 21 days of receipt.

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For a free copy, write Lillian Vernon at Home, Department 201, Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Springtime clean-up for a fire-safe home

Each year more than three million fires occur in the United States. Fire prevention experts say the majority of these fires are caused by carelessness in the home.

To help combat these shocking statistics, a national Fire Safety Program was developed by Burger King restaurants. This program teaches children fire safety techniques, including how they can help their parents make their home "fire safe."

This spring, why not have the entire family participate in a "hot spot hunt"—correcting the fire hazards in your home—as a unique kind of spring cleaning. It's a simple and fun way to make your home fire-safe and it may even result in saving a life.

Here's how it works. Designate a room in the house to

each member of the family and have them point out and correct all the fire hazards.

For example

- Have a child remove from the attic old newspapers, clothing and books which easily catch fire.

- Have Mom check that the electrical cords on the kitchen appliances are not frayed or warm from overuse.

- Have Dad check that all paints, kerosene and other flammables are stored in tightly sealed metal cans away from the furnace in the basement. Gasoline should always be stored outdoors.

Some other important "hot spots" to check are:

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- The fire escapes are kept clear of all objects.

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It's during those first few weeks of ownership that the inexperienced gardeners lose their plants—usually through improper handling. Ortho's book "How to Select & Care for Shrubs & Hedges" contains suggestions for keeping your plants healthy during this tricky period.

Dig a hole twice as wide and as deep as the root ball. Mix the removed soil with organic material and add a root-building food. Fill the hole with water, moistening the improved soil with a starter solution, and let it drain overnight.

The next day, return enough

soil to the hole so that the top of the root ball is about 1 inch above ground level. Remove the shrub from any container other than burlap (which should be untied when plant is set), snap off coiled roots and place firmly in the prepared hole.

Fill in the remaining earth, tamping lightly. Then build a low soil drain just outside the branch tips and soak the soil within it using a starter solution.

Complete the job by spreading an inch of mulch to hold moisture. In hot weather, water every other day for the first 10 days.







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Rejuvenate kitchen with new wallcoverings, fabrics, ideas

Any homemaker knows how much time she, and her family, spend in and around the kitchen and, sooner or later, even the best-planned kitchen needs to be freshened, brightened, hopefully made even more practical and useful.

Many of today's new wallcoverings and companion fabrics have been designed not only to provide a wide range of choices, but also to give you, with a bit of ingenuity, a totally new look.

Furthermore, they've also been produced with scrubability built in, so that everything will stay just right, with a minimum of care.

This kitchen is an excellent example of how it can be done. As you can see, its proportions are far from ideal.

There's an awkward corner, a window that's not particularly well placed, and a soffit all around the ceiling too much happening without any special visual relationship to each other.

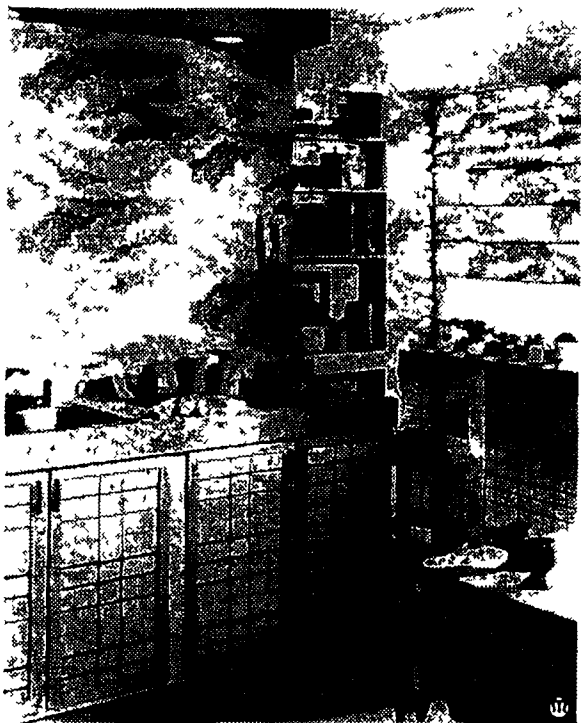
However, three wallcoverings and one fabric from the new "Gloria Vanderbilt Wallcoverings & Companion Fabrics" Collection by James Seeman Studios, Division of Masonite Corporation, have been utilized, and the result is a coordinated, crisp and country-look room that solves this kitchen's needs and contains guidelines for other rooms as well.

Color and scale are vitally important in making everything work harmoniously, and here it began with the choice of a floral "mini-landscape" design called "Rambling Road," in greens, yellows, orange on white, for the main walls, and its fabric companion for window shades and tablecloth.

An effective contrasting design called "Tattersall," a check in green, blue, and yellow on white, has been set into the light wood kitchen cabinets and under the window sill, its "open" look adding perspective and depth, visually suggesting space beyond.

Not at all incidentally, an open check, trellis, plaid or similar grille-like design is very useful in providing the illusion of more space than you've actually got, and this is called a "windowpane" effect for exactly that reason.

While most of the colors in "Tattersall" are the same as in "Rambling Road," stronger blue stripes are now part of the picture: good color sense in-



THREE WALLCOVERINGS and a companion fabric, all designed by Gloria Vanderbilt for James Seeman Studios, gave a new look to this kitchen, now bright, fresh, easy-to-care-for, and with the added plus of a new home office in a once-difficult corner. For a free brochure on the "Gloria Vanderbilt Wallcoverings & Companion Fabrics" Collection and its many color, design, scale suggestions and ideas, write to James Seeman Studios, Division of Masonite Corporation, 50 Rose Place, Garden City Park, NY 11040.

volves adding grace notes wherever possible and attractive, with your eye telling you how it all fits together.

One really helpful structural change, for both utility and appearance, has been accomplished by making the corner area a home office and combined storage/display space.

All this involved was adding some shelving and a miniature desk, in the same wood as the cabinetry, plus a cane-seat stool. For coordination with the rest of the room, both this wall and the soffit have been covered in a very subtle design by Gloria Vanderbilt called "Diamonds," with tiny flecks of yellow on a white diamond-patterned ground.

By the way, some left-over pieces of "Diamonds" have been used to cover the three canisters on the countertop, a good idea for practically any small pieces in need of quick and easy renewal.

The fresh and cheerful quality of the wallcoverings, and their practicality, are echoed in the equally practical white vinyl tile flooring, and

the breakfast table, with a "Rambling Road" tablecloth, fits into the scheme whether set against the wall, pulled out for informal snacking, used as an extra surface whenever necessary.

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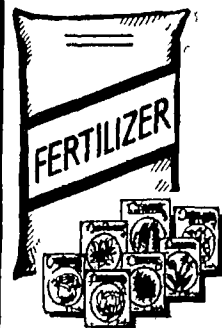
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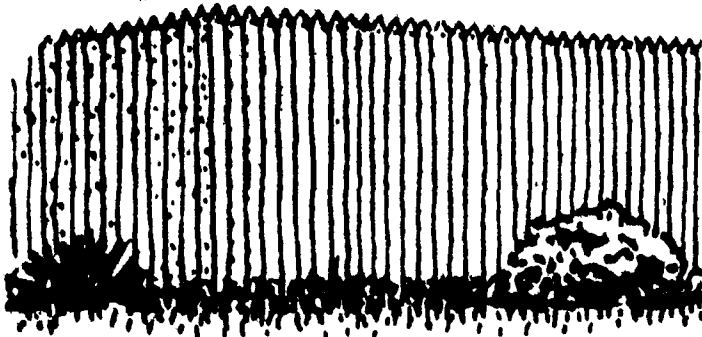
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And, since different fibers "take" dye differently, you will automatically be rewarded with a wide spectrum of tonal shades.

The list of dyeable home furnishings is truly impressive. To dye most washable fabrics, simply follow the directions on any package or bottle of Rit Dye.

Add color to white furniture slipcovers you can purchase or sew yourself. Drapes, scatter rugs and cloth

table covers are readily dyeable too, and dyed fabric lampshades lend a warmly tinted glow to your new decor.

Pillow slipcovers are easy to make—and can give your imagination free rein. Add extra appeal to your room by accessorizing it with a combination of tie-dyed, batik and ombred throw pillows.

Each technique deviates from traditional solid color dyeing with a special look all its own.

- Tie dyeing involves tying gathered sections of fabric with string or rubber bands so that the tied portions "resist" the dye, creating an interesting undyed pattern on a colored background.

- To batik, paint melted wax onto your fabric so that when the fabric is dyed, the waxed portions "resist" dye, remaining the original color. Wax can be removed with a medium-hot iron or through dry cleaning.

- Ombre dyeing involves dipping sections of the fabric into two to four successively

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Monet's garden is in Giverny, 40 miles from Paris, at the home he and his family moved into in 1883. By 1892, the garden was so extensive it required a staff of six gardeners and was served by several greenhouses for starting flowers, according to Ortho's new book "All About Perennials."

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After Monet died in 1926, his estate was abandoned for over 50 years and the garden fell into disrepair. However, his son, Michael, left the property to the Institute de France in 1966, and after years of restoration the house and garden were opened to the public in 1980.

The garden, of course, was immortalized in Monet's paintings. Shortly before his death, he said: "I perhaps owe having become a painter to flowers."



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A healthy lawn can help bring a hefty price when the time comes to sell your home.

A beautiful lawn that adds to the value of your home

Did you ever look in the window of a realty office at photographs of beautiful homes that are for sale?

Those photographs never display patchy, weed-ridden lawns. The fact is that an unsightly lawn detracts from the appearance of a house and from its dollar value.

The aesthetic benefits are obvious. A carpet of thick, rich green grass sets your home off just as a beautiful frame enhances a painting. It highlights the most important investment that most people make in their entire lives.

A well-kept lawn implies, also, that the owner of a home maintains it well and provides it with regular treatments of tender loving care, and this adds to the market value.

Beyond sheer beauty, a healthy, thick lawn provides a natural carpet that invites—even tempts—you to walk barefoot.

And it's a marvelous cushion for hard-playing kids.

Whether their motivation is aesthetic or pragmatic, millions of people recognize the value that a beautiful lawn adds to their home. And those who succeed in creating and maintaining picture-book lawns know that the secret of success is really no secret at all.

The most important fact to keep in mind is that climate is the greatest factor governing the ability of grass to grow.

Grass that grows best in Louisiana may have very little similarity to grass that thrives in Massachusetts or South Dakota.

So the first rule of the green thumb is to pick the grass that best suits the region in which you live. Then, individual characteristics, such as draining and shade/sunlight variations, should be taken into consideration.

So, the first step in starting a new lawn or bringing one back to life should be to consult with a Cooperative Extension Service office or a good local nursery, turf or lawn professional.

An excellent regional guide to lawn maintenance and a listing of Cooperative Extension Service publications are available in Ortho's popular book "All About Lawns."

Once your lawn is under way, maintenance, too, will vary somewhat according to the area in which you live. But two basic rules to remember are that your lawn needs to be fed, and your lawn needs to be protected.

A very effective treatment that has virtually nationwide application is the regular application of a combined fertilizer/herbicide product, such as Ortho Weed & Feed.

Spring treatment will get your lawn off on the right foot, strengthening the grass so that it can grow and spread

while eliminating intruders such as dandelions, plantain, chickweed, and clover.

In the fall, application of a product can strengthen your lawn for the long winter ahead.

And remember, a strong lawn is a definite asset at market time.

American homeowners are making excellent progress in their efforts to conserve energy. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, the average home has trimmed its energy use to the equivalent of

995 gallons of oil currently from 1,146 gallons in 1974.

If made more energy efficient, the department says, private housing could save 50 percent more energy.

Foliar feeding a solver of gardening problems

Foliar feeding—the spraying of leaves with liquid plant food—is one of the easiest and most efficient ways for gardeners to nurture a wide range of indoor and outdoor plants.

Once scoffed at by plant experts, foliar feeding now is universally accepted and endorsed thanks to the efforts of Thomas P. Reilly, the developer of Ra-Pid-Gro.

Reilly's work and subsequent studies demonstrated that plants—especially those "root-bound" indoor plants or outdoor plants with restricted root systems—can absorb nutrients more efficiently through their leaves and stems than through their roots.

Ease of use is another advantage. Ra-Pid-Gro comes in a dry blend of crystalline chemicals which must be dissolved in water. A half-teaspoon per quart of water is used to feed indoor plants. For outdoor plants, one tablespoon per gallon of water is used.

All the gardener has to do is mix it at label rates and spray it on roses and other flowers, vegetables, fruits, evergreens, hedges, trees, and even lawns.

For foliar feeding, it's only necessary to cover the above-

ground parts of the plants with a fine mist. Drench spraying will feed the leaves and stems and the run-off will feed the plants through the soil. Ra-Pid-Gro leaves no residue, will not burn plants and mixes easily with insecticides.

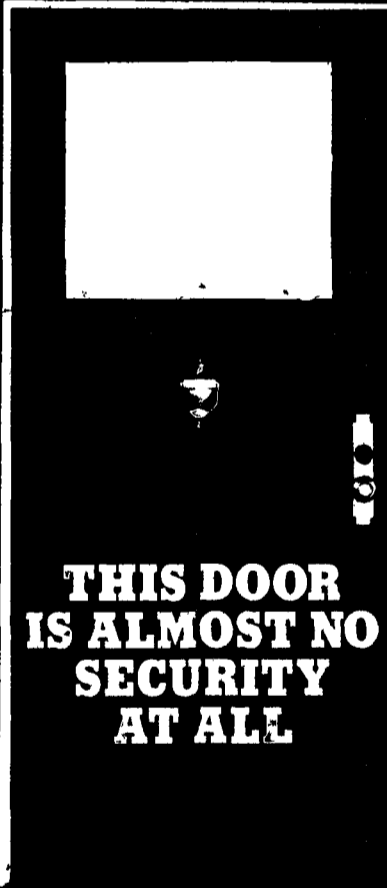
Liquid plant foods should be used about once a week during periods of rapid growth and less often when the plants are mature.

There are a number of special ways in which Ra-Pid-Gro can assist gardeners. The propagation of cuttings will be aided if they're soaked in the solution and the sand or other rooting medium is drenched with it.

Hard-shelled seeds such as peas, beans and corns will germinate more quickly if they're soaked for 15 to 20 minutes in Ra-Pid-Gro solution and then air-dried before planting.

Orchids and hanging basket flowers such as heliotrope, lantana, begonias and fuchsia thrive on a steady Ra-Pid-Gro diet.

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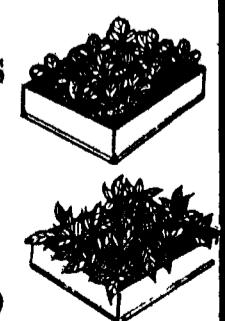
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Clear away all that clutter to create extra household space

Zooming mortgage rates have convinced many homeowners that it's foolhardy at the present time to move to bigger quarters. Instead, they've decided to make the best of what they have.

If you're part of the stay-put set, this spring you're probably thinking about how to expand your living space. Here are a few tips:

- Get rid of your house clutter with a yard sale. It's easy to move surplus air conditioners, chairs, cartons of books and old toys onto a Haul In One, the multi-purpose hauler from Black & Decker.

Hauling made easy

You can easily move up to 400 pounds of yard sale items, up and down stairs, and out the back door into the yard or garage. The money you make selling unneeded items can go toward yard improvements, while the space you've cleared can be put to better use.

- Consider building a yard storage center. It's handy for storing barbecue equipment, garden tools or bicycles and other play items. Perfect for children's toys or small garden supplies is a box built into a hinged bench. Or, you can build cabinets into a brick barbecue unit for storing picnic and cooking equipment.

- If you've added three children but no basement since you bought your home, why not convert a service yard to an all-weather play yard?

Re-discover space

By installing a deck with sandbox and tricycle space, you have an entertainment center for young children. Add a small asphalt area and a basketball hoop and you have an instant play center for teenagers and adults, too.

Make sure half the area is roofed solid and half is shel-

tered only by a vine-covered trellis, and your playroom will be functional in both sun and rain.

- Or, if your real need is for privacy, not recreation, create a secluded flagstone patio with fast-growing trees, such as evergreens, to screen out the house next door. Though high fences can seem blunt and imposing, plant and tree screening is attractive and functional.

Whatever you decide to do with your new-found space, you'll find the Haul In One takes the grunt out of do-it-yourself chores. You can use it as a hand truck, yard cart or log hauler.

This spring, you'll discover the Haul In One is especially helpful for moving heavy shrubs, small trees, grass clippings, fertilizer bags and

bulky peat moss bales.

In fall and winter, the cart simplifies leaf pickup, and is perfect for moving logs from the woodpile directly to the fireplace or wood-burning stove.

To move loose materials such as potting soil, simply attach the Haul In Tub, a tough, heavy-duty tub, to the front of the cart. Mix cement for laying flagstones in the tub as well, and you can even store it overnight by using the snap-on, watertight lid.

Remember, check out your own backyard, before looking for greener pastures. Sometimes visual space is all you really need, and if you develop the outdoor room to coordinate with an indoor room's elements, you'll feel there's plenty of house to grow in.



MOVING SMALL TREES is only one of dozens of jobs easily accomplished by the Haul In One, from Black & Decker. The new multipurpose workhorse product is a combination hand truck, yard cart and log hauler. It's especially handy for moving fertilizer sacks, cement bags, potting soil, shrubs, trash cans and logs.

Have some great tips from good gardeners

Good gardeners don't hoard information, they willingly share it with gardeners everywhere. Authors of the Ortho book "All About Vegetables" received handy tips using everything from mailboxes to ice-cream scoops to help produce a bountiful harvest.

Here are some of the best tips for easier gardening:

One gardener makes a big hit in the kitchen by bringing in vegetables which are really clean—not laden with sand, dirt and bugs. His suggestion is simple: Have a pail of water and a wire basket handy by the garden.

When you pick root vegetables, give them a cleaning with the hose. Wash others in the pail of water and give them a few whirls in the wire basket to get rid of excess water.

Another ingenious gardener reports that an old ice-cream scoop is much better than a trowel for setting out

lettuce, tomatoes, cabbage and similar plants. The scoop is a natural way to get the same depth in each planting hole.

A little red wagon is a great garden accessory. Use it to transport small tools, fertilizers, containers, back and forth from the garage to the garden.

In early spring, the same little red wagon is loaded with plants in the transplant stage.

During the day the wagon is pulled into the sunlight to give the baby plants a bit of sunshine. In early evening, the wagon is pulled back into the garage to protect plants against frost.

A standard parcel post mailbox can give you a great storage area right at your garden. Mount the mailbox on a five-foot post alongside the garden. It instantly becomes a storage place for insecticides, gadgets, twine, small tools and other garden gear.

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Trust Nature's 'good guys'— they help protect your roses

There's nothing to match the joy of a rose garden in full bloom—and nothing to compare with the despair of watching that garden being destroyed by pests.

Troublesome insects are a rose gardener's nightmare, and without preventive gardening measures today's blossoming rose arbor can overnight be turned into lunch for a hoard of hungry beetles.

Caterpillars and leaf-eating beetles can devour the foliage from every rosebush in the garden while pesky aphids may suck the juices from all healthy plants, leaving behind a sticky trail to attract the ants.

Today's chemical controls offer good protection against insect invaders—but nature also provides the rose gardener with some "helpers."

According to the Ortho book "All About Roses," predaceous insects such as

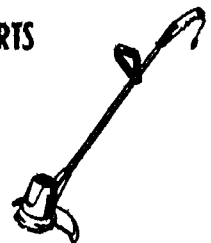
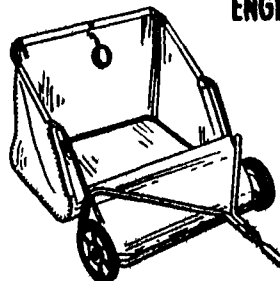
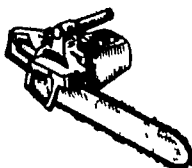
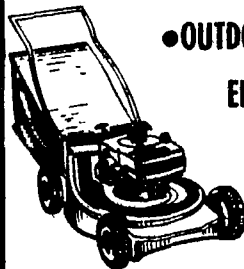
ladybug beetles, praying mantis, Trichogramma wasps, and lacewings will happily eat aphids and certain other pests in your garden. Available from mail-order houses, these nature's aides will keep the troublemakers under control.

Since many pesticides may kill these "good guys," it is a good idea to consider leaving a few rosebushes unsprayed. These bushes can act as a home for your "helpers." You might also want to use a systemic pesticide (one that's absorbed through the soil) such as Ortho Systemic Rose & Flower Care 8-12-4. This type of control will not harm your friends.

Birds can also be a gardener's good friend. Insect-eaters such as robins, mockingbirds, orioles, chickadees, wrens, and warblers drive unwanted pests from your roses.

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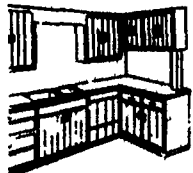
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