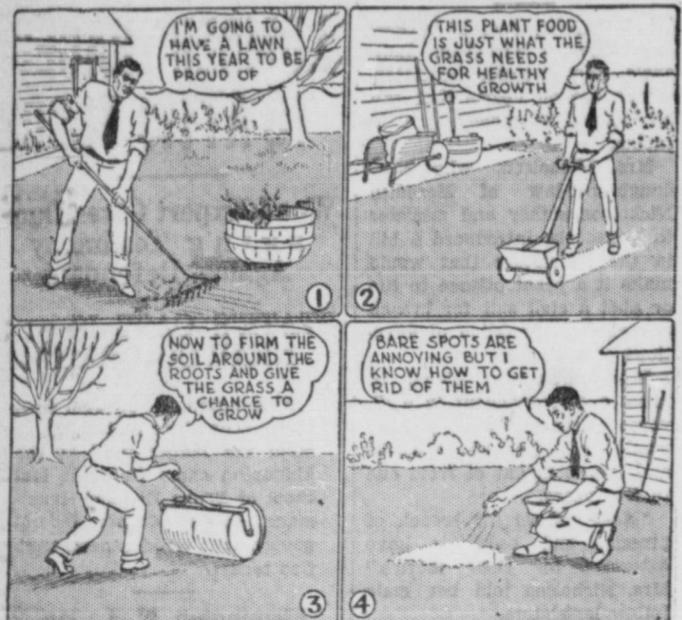




Keeping Up the Carpet of Your Outdoor Living Room



First Four Steps in Spring Lawn Care

The time is fast drawing near when we can move out to put outdoor living rooms again. But how's the carpet going to look? A lot depends on the early spring care you give your lawn. Here is a good program to follow:

1. Raking: Just as early in the spring as you can walk on the lawn without leaving deep footprints (preferably before the grass has started to grow) rake off any debris which may have accumulated during winter, so it will not interfere with growth of grass.

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into firm contact with the soil so that growth can go on. Clay soils require less rolling with a lighter weight roller than used for ordinary soils.

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SALE CALENDAR

Jan. 24 — Robinson Bros., 4½ mi. west of Celina, Ohio. Closing out sale. 10:00.

Jan. 25 — Decatur Community Sale and Chattanooga Sale.

Jan. 29 — Walter Reed, 2 miles east of Convoy, Ohio. Closing out sale.

Jan. 30 — Byron Whitridge, 2 mi. south of Pleasant Mills, 5 miles east of Monroe, 3 miles west of Willshire on State road No. 124. Closing out sale.

Jan. 31 — Chester Grubbs, 1 mile east of Montezuma, Ohio on state road 219. Closing out sale.

Feb. 4 — N. E. Dunifon, 1 mile east of the Mid-Way Inn on Ohio State road 127.

Feb. 5 — Fred Okeyley, 4 mi. south of Pleasant Mills. Closing out sale.

Feb. 6 — Schlabach & Billiard, 7 miles south and ¾ miles east of Fort Wayne on the Ferguson road.

Feb. 7 — Waiter Fetter, 7 miles south, 1 mi. west of Rockford, O. Closing out sale. 10:00.

Feb. 11 — Eyerly & Alden, 1 mile south Fort Wayne on state road 1. Closing out sale.

Feb. 14 — Pete Dibert, 4 miles east of Willshire, Ohio. Closing out sale.

Feb. 18 — Everett Lake Stock Farm, 14 mi. west of Fort Wayne. Closing out sale.

Feb. 16 — Wm. T. Jones, 1 mile north, 1½ mile south of Monroeville. Closing out sale. 10:00.

Feb. 19 — Adams Winnans, 1 mile east of Baldwin, Ind. Closing out sale.

Feb. 28 — Bert Marquardt, 3 miles north of Monroeville on Lincoln highway. Chester White hog sale. 12:00.

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should be made only when the grass is dry, and the plant food should be brushed from the blades of grass with a broom, doormat, or something similar, and the lawn should be watered thoroughly, so as to carry the plant food down into the soil where the roots can get it. Apply by hand, or with a spreader.

Grass with its dense growth, is a heavy feeder and needs an abundance of plant food. This food should be in an available form, and should contain all of the elements so essential to vigorous plant growth. Buy a good, complete plant food made by a reliable concern.

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