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County Home Economist Says: Spring Cleaning? Plan Ahead

By Elizabeth Isenberg
St. Lawrence County Extension Service Home Economist

encourage them to pick up the clothing. Adequate storage for all clothing greatly promotes the neatness of bedrooms.

Plan to place cleaning equipment as close to work areas as possible. Duplicates of the less expensive items such as broom and dustpan can be stored on the second floor as well as the first. Clean your tools so they are always ready for your next cleaning spree.

One of the best ways to avoid fatigue is to use your muscles properly. Use your strong thigh muscles in lifting heavy objects, not the weaker muscles of the back and neck. Squat rather than bend when dusting or washing baseboards or when picking up articles from the floor.

Comfortable shoes and clothing help you to maintain good posture, thereby reducing fatigue. Don't forget to provide adequate ventilation as you work, frequent short rest periods between heavy tasks, and plan to alternate easy and difficult jobs.

Would you like some tips on cleaning aids, vacuum cleaners, the care of hard surface floor coverings, rugs, painted walls, woodwork, wallpaper, furniture, metals, plastics, porcelain, windows, lampshades, and leather? The Council Extension Bulletin "A Housecleaning

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Miami, Fla.—A \$250,000 garden, including 20-foot palm and coconut trees, date and fig trees and exotic flowers, was shipped from Miami to Grant Bahama Island by chartered freighter to landscape a new hotel.

In a series of trips, the ship also carried yews, silver buttonwoods, Queensland umbrella trees, 300 privet hedge plants, 500 morning glory plants, and enough grass seed to sow five acres of lawn. There also were jasmine, bougainvillea and iris, day lilies, bird of paradise, monkey-apple and spanish bayonet plants.

The plants were set in a temporary area pending transplanting to the Lucayan Beach Hotel's 16-acre garden.

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Man will again struggle with weeds and grass diseases as the yearly battle of the lawn begins.

This year, as the homeowner's mower buzzes across burnt, bold, brown, and buggy spots, he will be able to identify quickly his lawn troubles if he's carrying pictures of these problems in his pocket.

Such photos are contained in the Cornell University publication, "Picture Clues to Lawn Troubles," prepared by Norman J. Smith, associate agricultural agent, Nassau County, and Prof. John F. Cornman, floriculturist, State College of Agriculture.

This small, hip-pocket-size booklet shows, in color, some of the common problems of a unhealthy lawn. Each full-color picture is accompanied by a description of the symptoms. The bulletin does not include specific recommendations for control of insects, diseases, or weeds. County agricultural agents can supply the latest Cornell recommendations which are brought up-to-date as new research results become available.

The booklet, prepared as an aid to persons in charge of park and golf turf as well as the homeowner, is available from the Mailing Room, Stone Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., for 75 cents.

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Editorial

We Can Take Pride In A Clean Potsdam

The word "pride" has many different meanings. It is used — and sometimes misused — often in such expressions as "pride of country", "pride of family", etc. Here in Potsdam, we like to think we have "pride" in our community; in its friendly atmosphere; in its progressive ideas and motivations (in most cases); and in its warm and welcoming attitude to the thousands of guests and "temporary residents" in our midst for a good share of the year.

However, there is another kind of "pride" which we in Potsdam are learning to acquire. This is the proud feeling we get when a visitor or stranger to the area tells us: "My this is a lovely community. How neat and clean it looks... with its wide streets all tree-lined and its neat lawns; and freshly painted homes. It looks like it would be a wonderful place to raise a family." What a fine compliment to our community! Of course, we who live here all the time may not always feel that a visitors' view is exactly accurate; and yet if you travel around the State looking at other villages of comparable size, you soon find that we should really be thankful for what we have here.

Each Spring, however, we feel that it is a good idea to remind residents that it's time to "check-up" on their property and whether or not they can take "pride" in its appearance. Sometimes just a little paint or a trimming of the hedges or a few nails will do the trick after a long and blustery winter; other times people go in for more elaborate plans for Spring repairs and improvements. And this applies not only to the home owners, but also to the business establishments in our downtown and outlying areas.

Literally thousands of people will visit our community in the next few weeks. The influx began last week end, when Clarkson College held its Moving-Up Day with parents of students and alumni invited. Another large group is expected this week end, when the State College's Crane Department presents its annual Spring Festival Concert. Many of these will be returning alumni, who will want to have a chance to look over this village they once knew so well. Then, of course, during the first week end in June, thousands more will pour in from all directions as both colleges prepare to hold graduation exercises (and on the same day this year!)

For all these reasons, and many more, we need a "Clean-Up Fix-Up" campaign each Spring, and we hope that you will be able to find ideas and suggestions in this special supplement edition to make your Spring Fix-Up chores easier and more enjoyable.

From The Administrator's Desk

Mulcare: "Man The Brooms"; The Village Must Be Clean

By James Mulcare

I started my governmental career as an officer in the U. S. Navy, and our spring cleanup for the Village reminds me of my Destroyer days. It also is comparable to a housewife facing her spring housecleaning. But instead of sweeping the sidewalks, I have to sweep 23.5 miles of Village Streets. No postage stamp sized front yard to rake, but some 5.3 acres of parks to spruce up for spring time; 107 hydrants to be flushed, and about 10 miles of storm sewers to be washed free.

The Village of Potsdam expands some 3 to 4,000 dollars annually on spring cleanup. It involves at one time or another all of our Village employees, except the office force, and I'm tempted to ship them out with brooms any day now. Although this is but a small portion of our yearly budget, spring cleanup is essential for the efficient operation of the Village of Potsdam.

You've probably noticed our Elgin Street Sweeper roaming the Village over the last several weeks... if we didn't sweep the Village all the sand and accumulated debris would clog up the storm drains so that Spring Rains would cause flooding. We are forced to flush our many hydrants off and on during the summer so that the water in the mains

will be constantly changed, thereby, increasing the potability of our water.

Don't be surprised if on occasion, you note a blackish color to your water for a few minutes. This is bound to occur when we flush the hydrants, but the ultimate result is clearer and tastier water.

One of the most time consuming spring housecleaning activities is pickup. As you know we have a monthly pickup on the first Tuesday of the month. However, during this period of the year constant pickup is necessary. It has been the custom here in Potsdam and elsewhere in the country for householders to dump leaves and tree trimmings between the sidewalk and curb. I have spent a considerable

Moisture Problems Can Be Solved

The store of Mr. Moisture (the unseen menace)

By Dave Garner
MR. MOISTURE has been around a long time, and he started having fun with home owners long ago. But MR. MOISTURE was just an easy guy until—some very efficient architects and engineers discovered how to make better houses.

They ended drafts by making tighter storm windows. They cut fuel bills by providing better insulation and by improving caulking in areas where moisture and rain might pass. They gave you a modern, warm, tight home—but they also introduced you to MR. MOISTURE.

He has grown big in the modern weather tight home and in vapor form can equal six gallons or more of water a day. That's because modern houses have such heavy moisture producing areas, like laundry equipment, kitchens loaded with moisture makers and bathrooms with showers. MR. MOISTURE can come from the outside too, due to clogged gutters, worn out paint films which allow moisture to enter and poor drainage around house.

Because of certain very natural laws, MR. MOISTURE tries to leave your house any way he can. And unless there is another way out, he goes right through porous inner walls and air passages where he gets trapped between walls (often freezes there until spring). Then when it warms up he does what comes naturally—he pushes and pushes

until the paint film forms blisters and finally peels off. Now the first thing to do is to take a good look at your home for evidence of MR. MOISTURE. If you find signs of blistering and peeling—try these practical ways to release

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So Potsdam will plod along doing our best. It will take some weeks before we are completely picked up and on the day after we think we are (See Mulcare, page 10)