

Contemporary family home

A beautiful contemporary home for the large family is featured as the plan of the week.

The handsome exterior is clad in vertical siding, with the long, sloping roof in heavy shake, or asphalt shingle, as desired. Wide panelled doors open to the double garage with an inside door to the utility, for direct unloading of provisions.

A two-storey glass wall at the front lights the graceful stairway and entry foyer with natural light. The spacious entrance has a convenient guest coat-closet at the entry of the living-dining areas.

Featured between these two rooms is a unique twin fireplace which can be enjoyed from either room.

There is also a log-storage box built into the massive "wall" fireplace. The living room has extensive wall space, designed for ease of furniture arrangement, and has sliding glass doors opening to the front courtyard. Two slim windows by the wood-burning fireplace offer an ideal location for hanging plants and potted floor plants.

The large dining room will be perfect for large family get togethers and festive gatherings. The kitchen is close at hand, and during the warm weather this room can be extended to the sundeck through the sliding doors.

Family meals and snacks can be served in the nook, which forms part of the overall kitchen. Cupboard

space abounds in this completely modern kitchen, designed for convenient food preparation, and mother is within ear-shot of activities in the family room.

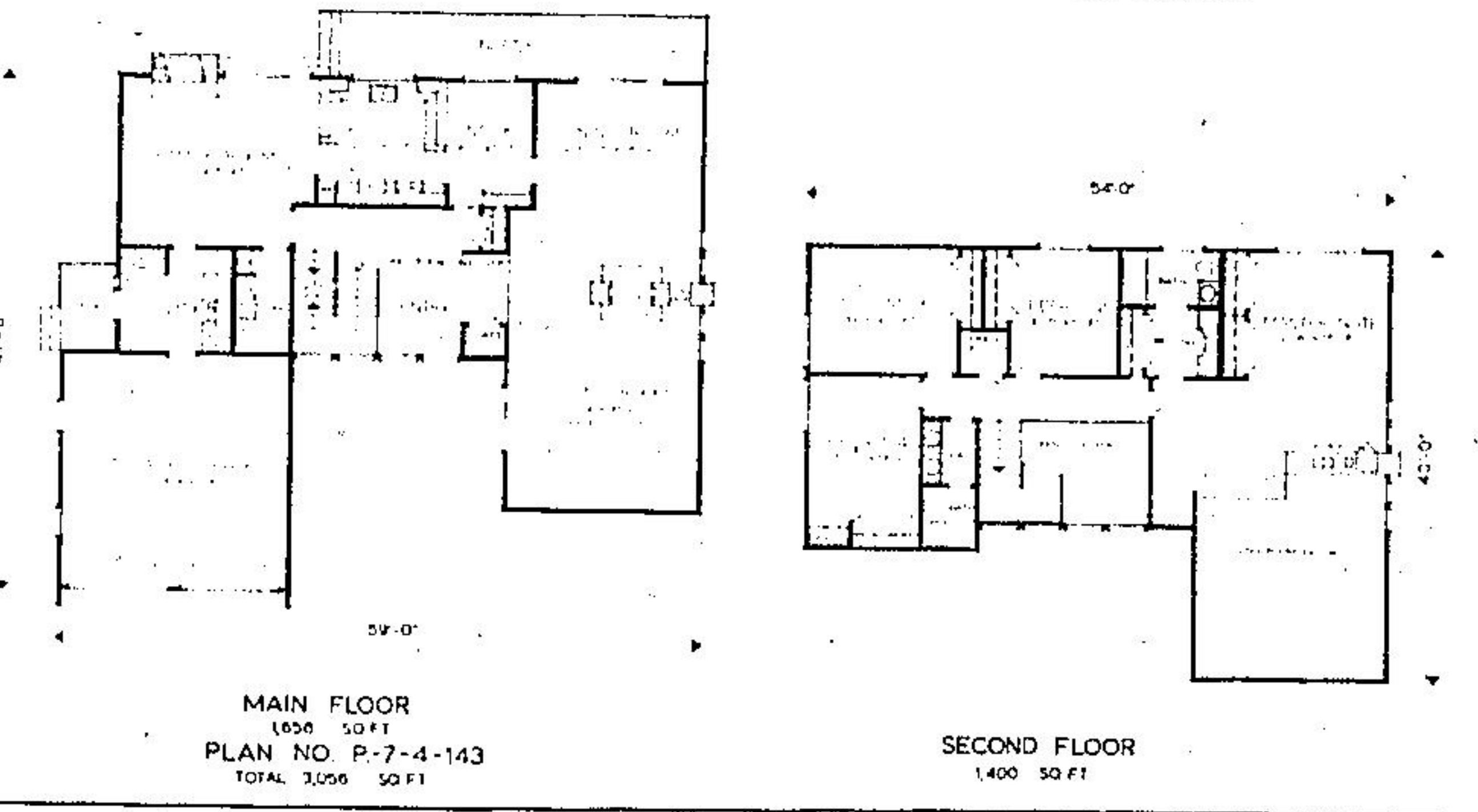
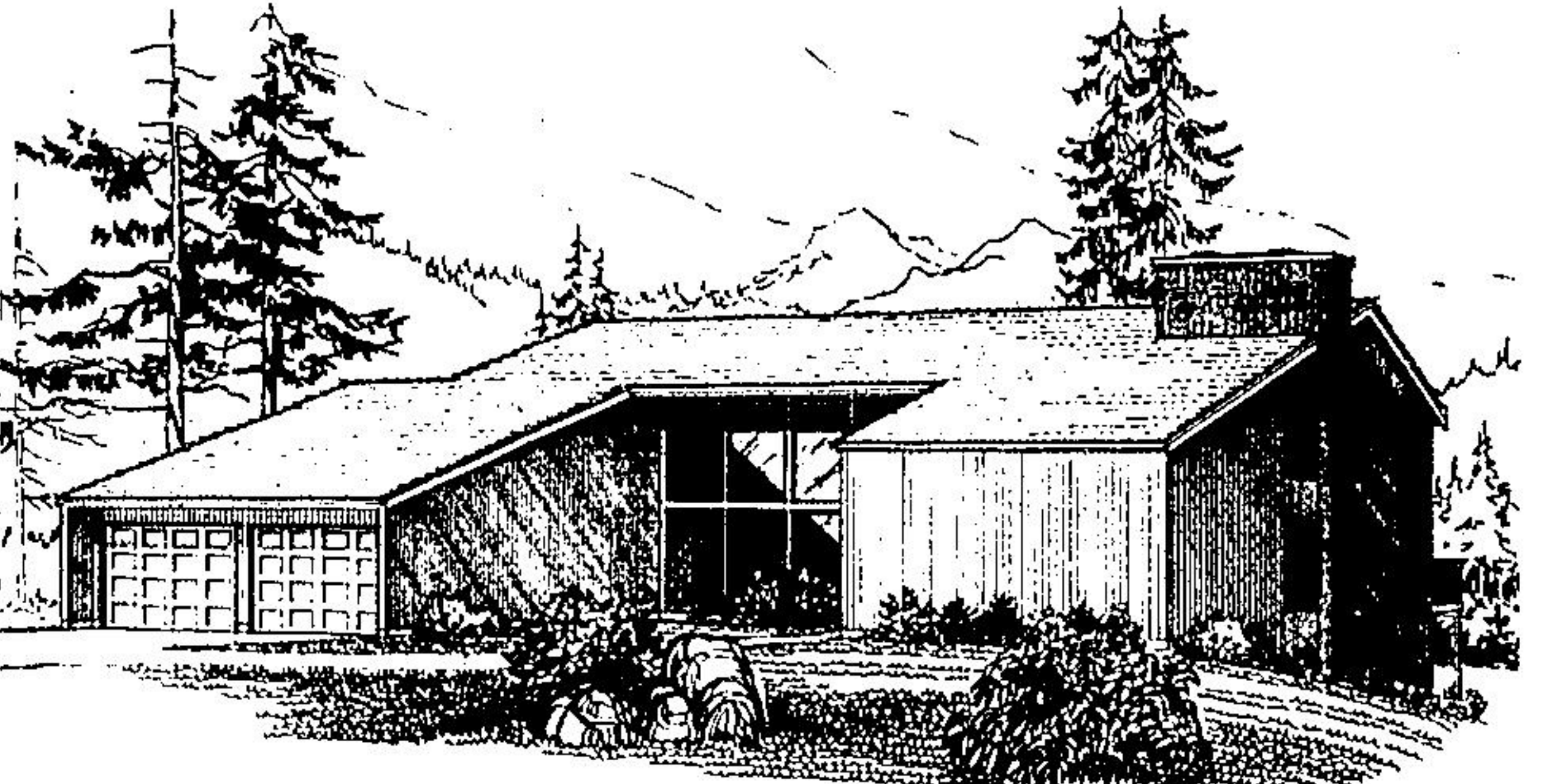
Doubling as a guest powder room, the vanity lavatory is ideally situated off the main foyer and is close at hand for the children's use. The utility room is well placed, and can double as a mud room for drying wet clothing, or for coat storage, as well as the washer and dryer.

As you reach the second floor, an open balcony looks down over the stair-well and front foyer. The three bedrooms are serviced by a twin-vanity, full bath.

No luxury has been spared in the master suite. In the

spacious entry area, which could easily be developed as a den-lounge room with easy chairs, books and a T.V., an open balcony overlooks the living room. The main section will hold a complete bedroom suite, and has double closets and a large view window to the rear. It also has a three piece bath, which is both luxurious and private.

With this 3,056 square feet of living space, there is still more. For future development, the entire unfinished basement can be used for extra bedrooms, workshop, studio or recreation room. Roughed-in plumbing and fireplace make the task easier. This is an ideal contemporary home for the large and growing family.



Cutting energy corners

Saving energy saves money. And pollution.

Recently Changing Times invited its readers to share practical ways they have found to save energy. The result was an outpouring of mail, including such suggestions as these:

—If your shower doubles as tub, put the plug in the tub as soon as the water gets hot. Leave the hot water in the tub to help heat your house and keep it at a comfortable level of humidity.

—Have the electric company give a rebate to the homeowner who uses at least 15 per cent less than his or her average consumption for the past three years.

—Cook as many foods as possible in a pressure cooker, thereby cutting fuel use from hours to minutes.

—Put an automatic timer

on your water heater. Set it for one hour early in the morning and one hour at night. This can save many dollars in fuel bills.

—Install dimmer switches for all lamps and lights. Dimmed lights are adequate for almost everything except

reading and can cut half the amount of current used.

To conserve energy and cut fuel costs during cold weather keep thermostats in close check. Not everybody knows, says a petroleum representative, that early spring and summer is the time to tank up

with heating oil. During off-seasons the cost of oil tends to drop a few cents a gallon because refineries switch their distillation runs from heating oil to gasoline. And the bigger the size of your tank, the better break you get.

Gladiolus—garden showpiece

By Burke McNeill
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Gladiolus, if you are as fond of them as I am, are one of the showiest and most versatile flowers that can be grown in the home garden. Displayed either as a single spike or in a basket, they make a wonderful show when in bloom. They will perform well in almost any soil and because they are treated as an annual, they can be grown successfully in

almost any climate. While glads are not too particular as to soil type, they will not perform well in poorly drained locations. Excess moisture around the corms either stunts their growth or rots them out completely. So be sure the site is well drained. Glads also prefer a soil that is high in organic matter. This can easily be provided by the addition of manure, compost or peat moss to the soil before

planting. Gladiolus are best planted in rows in the garden where they can be tended for insect and disease control and spaced as needed. Reserve a space in the vegetable garden where they will be much easier to work with. Some gardeners are tempted to grow them in the flower or shrub border. However, as glads are best used as a cut flower, their use in the border is not satisfactory.

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