



**MORE AND MORE HOMEOWNERS** will be using a mulching mower this year. Mulching mowers such as this Bolens unit save time and return nutrients to the soil.

### Mulching mowers regain popularity

For many homeowners, the most difficult part about mowing the lawn is the clippings. What do you do with the clippings?

According to experts at Bolens Corporation, the best answer may also be the easiest. Put them back into the earth with a mulching mower!

That's what independent university studies show. Agronomists point out that mulching results in a generally greener and healthier lawn, because nutrients are returned to the soil.

Mulch particles decompose and are absorbed by the grass root system within 14 days. Mulch allows evaporation at the soil level without adding to thatch buildup.

Mulching mowers, first introduced decades ago, are again popular because many of today's models are ideally suited to meet the demands of today's homeowner.

According to Bolens, a lawn mower

designed for mulching must have a deep mowing deck and use a specially engineered multi-pitch blade.

The blade and deck combine to create air suction to hold grass upright and, once cut, to suspend the clippings in the mower chamber while repeatedly chopping them into finer particles.

These small particles are then blown deep into the turf, near the soil level, where they decompose quickly.

A conventional side discharge mower, on the other hand, blows clippings horizontally onto the lawn rather than forcing them down into the turf.

The long clippings lie on the lawn surface in unsightly brown clumps, and this layer of dead clippings can sometimes become thick enough to exclude sunlight and cause yellowing and weakening of the turf.

Homeowners also can bag the clippings, but it generally takes 40 to 50 percent more mowing time to empty the bags and dispose of clippings.

### New product covers difficult walls, including paneling

Finally, there is an easy and inexpensive solution to pesky paneling, badly plastered walls, and even raw concrete blocks.

It is a deeply textured wallcovering, which is applied directly to paneled walls and other problem surfaces. Once it is installed, it can be roller-painted any color.

This unique new wallcovering, "Rustiver," is already popular in Europe, where century-old masonry walls and bare-bone concrete structures are the norm. It comes in 39" wide rolls and is

installed just like any other wallcovering.

"Rustiver" comes in six versatile textures. There is an elegant linen suitable for the most formal rooms, large herring bone and diamond patterns for the home office or den, a casual hurlap for the family room and kids' spaces, and two smaller weaves that will suit any room. All the textures are white for best fidelity when they are painted.

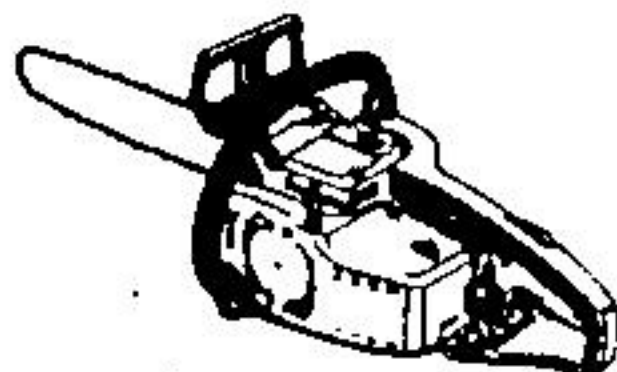
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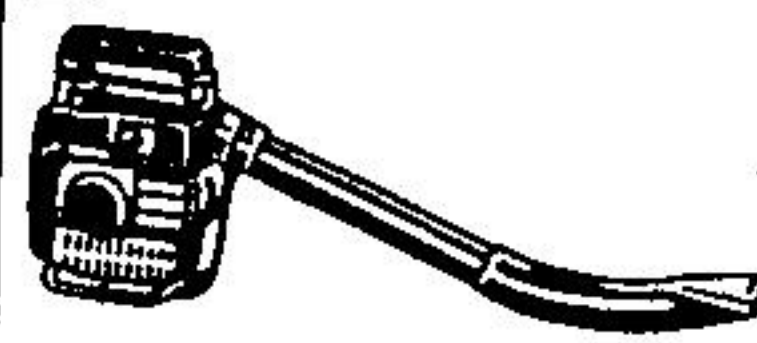
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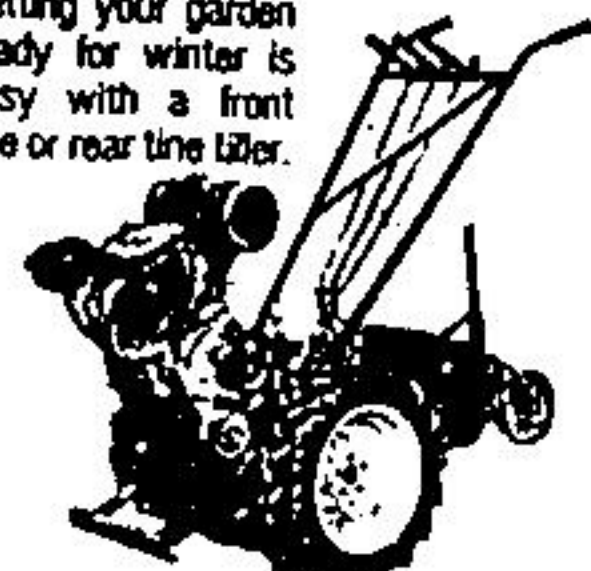
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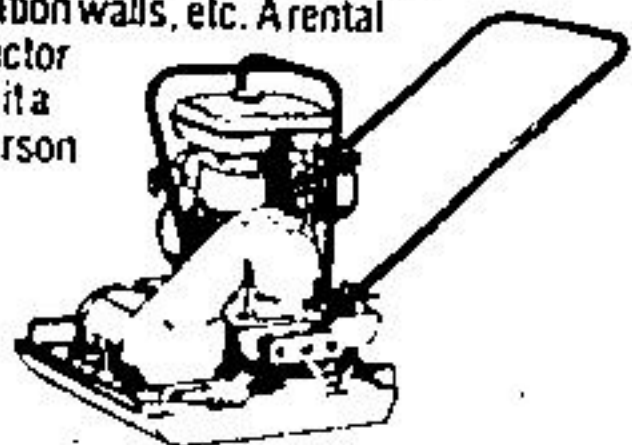
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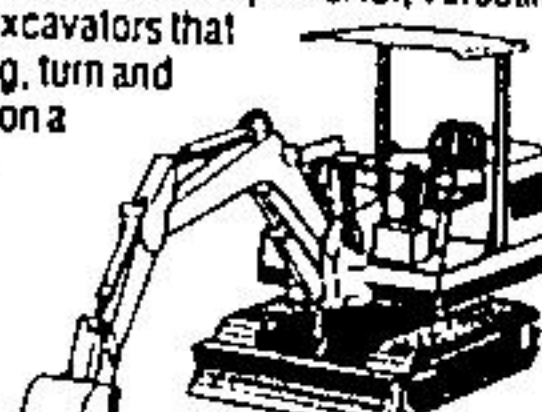
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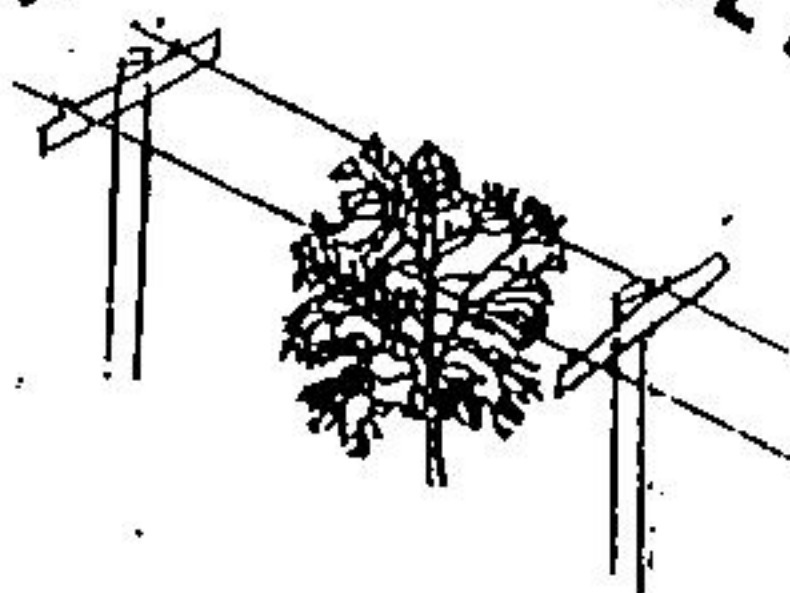
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