



## 

- 3.0 Litre V6 Engine
- Automatic O/D Trans.
- M AM/FM Stereo
- Driver's Side Airbag
- Rear Anti/Lock Brakes
- 2 3 Yr./60,000 km Warranty
- Cloth Captain Chairs

- Rear Window Defroster
- Rear Wiper/Washer
- A Running Boards
- Sport Headlights & Grill
- Sport Stripes Package
- Forged Aluminum Wheels
- High Gloss Metallic Paint

Air Conditioning

PRICE

1870\* IMMI DEL

IMMEDIATE DELIVERY

\*Rebates assigned to dealer. License, freight & taxes extra, limited time offer.

I FORD

HWY. #7, GEORGETOWN

873-1626

Number 1
In Customer Satisfaction

## GREEN THUMB GARDENING



By CHRISTINE COLE

## PEAT MOSS PRODUCTION

Peat Moss – it's one of those amazing natural products that we take for granted. And rarely even think about. But, even though we may think that it is a lowly, simple product, it is quite an interesting product as well.

Peat Moss is a major component in the "Soilless" plant growing mediums that are used now and of course it is widely used as a soil conditioner and a source of organic matter to incorporate into home gardens and beds. Anyone who has acidloving plants such as Rhododendrens, Azaleas, Blueberries, etc. realize that they are planted in a soil mixture that has a high percentage of peat moss. This is because peat is also acidic, which is required by these plants for optinium growth.

Peat is naturally available in Canadian bogs. It is harvested and treated very much like a crop. To harvest peat, ditches are first made throughout the field and water from the area must drain for at least 3 years. When dry enough the surface is scarred or roughed-up and then a large tractor-drawn vacuum is passed over the field. Yes, that's right a vacuum. As you can imagine the harvesting is very weather related. There is only a few opportunities between April and October that the peat is dry enough to vacuum up. And usually only one or two passes over the field is done at a time so that the new surface can dry again. Obviously the natural water holding capacity of it - which is its virtue in the garden, is what makes harvesting so difficult and time consuming.

Perhaps this short production profile will provide you with a new appreciation for this natural product.

Each week Christine Cole of Tuitman's Garden Centre and Landscaping, Highway 25, 1 mile south of Acton, 853-2480, will be presenting helpful tips and information to assist you in creating your garden showplace!

TUITMAN'S
GARDEN CENTRE
ACTON
853-2480