

Home & Garden

'Spring clean' your lawn

When spring cleaning this year, don't forget about the yard. Trees, shrubs, plants and flowers need just as much attention as the rest of your home.

Once your new spring plants are in place, the next step is to nourish them well. One way to do this is by using fertilizer spikes. The spikes feed plants at the root and continuously provide them with nutrients.

Easy to insert, the spikes aren't messy and won't wash through when watered. When you're ready to use them, just water the area where they're to be placed. Then, hammer the spike one to two inches below the ground's surface around the plant's drip line.

A great way to add a finishing touch to your yard is by using edging. There are several different types of easy-to-use edging on the market today that offer a neat and clean appearance, a decorative look, and a barrier between your landscape beds and your lawn.

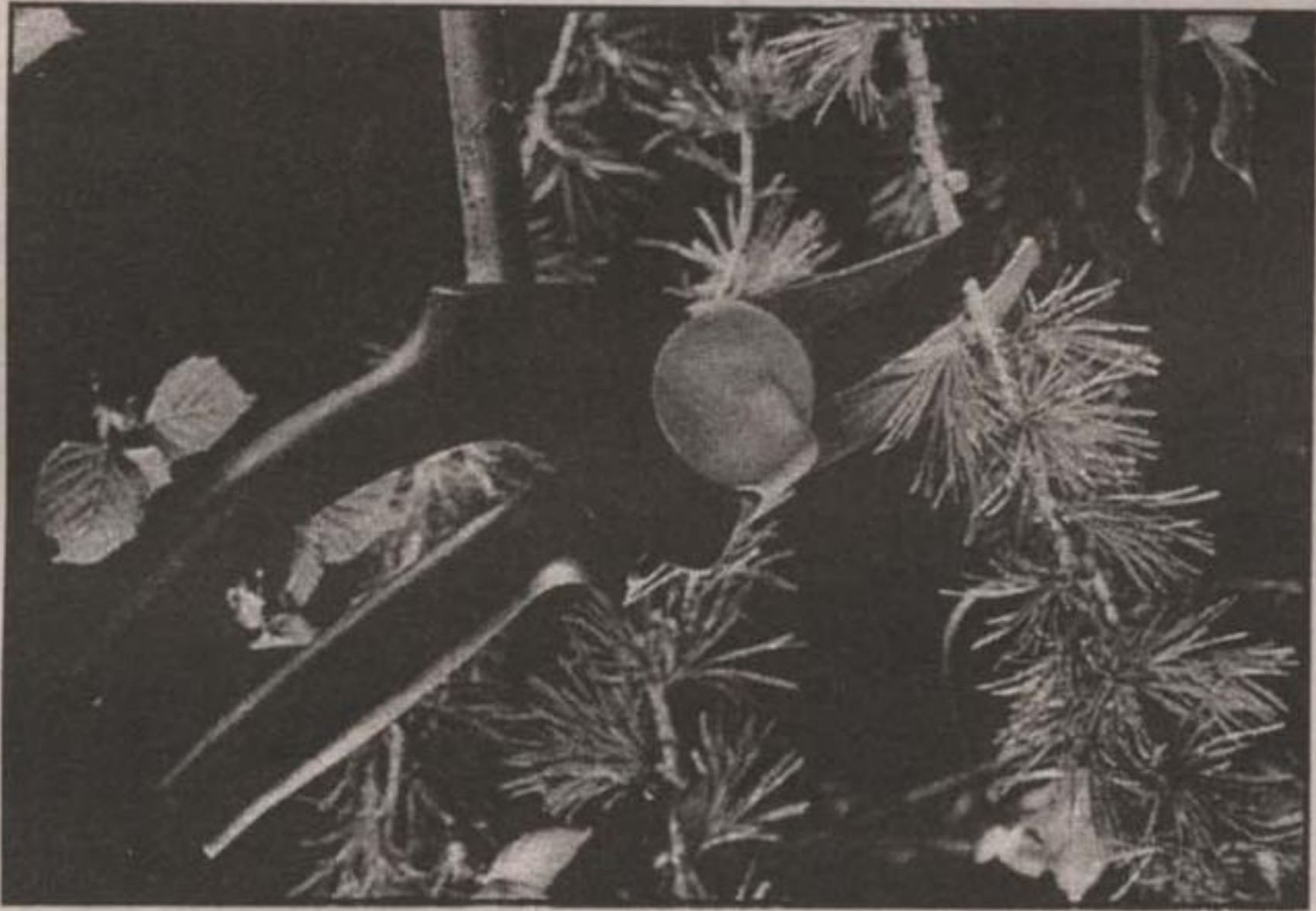
One of the best-selling products is a long-lasting, green plastic edging that won't rot, rust, crack, chip or fade and comes in light-weight sections that se-

curely connect to form a continuous border.

To use this product, lay a garden hose in the desired edging position, and drive the edging into the ground by striking the scalloped top with a mallet. To ensure placement and to maintain a barrier above the surface, be

sure to drive the edging 3 to 4 inches into the ground.

For a decorative look, you may want to try tiles, which feature the handsome look of terra-cotta but boast the strength of high-density, UV-treated polypropylene. This edging also is available in authentic stone colour.



A spring trim gives your trees and shrubs a new look.

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