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How to deal with pushy perennials

ome perennials plants are extremely well-behaved when planted in the garden. They develop into neat, rounded, or globular clumps that gradually increase in size. Hasta, peony, silvermound, artemesia, and coral bells would fall into this category.

However, then there are the others. The ones that start wandering all over the garden with no respect to bed boundaries. Some can be so aggressive that they will choke out the more meek and mild neighbouring plants. Plants with these traits include: mint, goutweed, (also known as snow on the mountain or bishops weed), tansy, Chinese lantern and obedient plant.

Each one has a characteristic that makes it an attractive plant to grow but it is no joy to grow if you are always struggling to control its spread. Most of

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these aggressive plants spread by underground runners. If you contain the spread of these, you can contain them in an allotted space. A few suggestions to control the attractive but aggressive garden perennials include:

• Place plant in a bed that has inpenetrable edges. Between the house foundation and concrete sidewalk would be such a location.

 A raised planter box or pot is an excellent way to display pushy plants.

· If you prefer these plants set among other perennials or shrubs you may consider another method. Cut the bottom of a plastic nursery pot. Set it into a hole so the top inch of rim is above soil level. Plant perennial in pot. The size of the pot will contain its spread.

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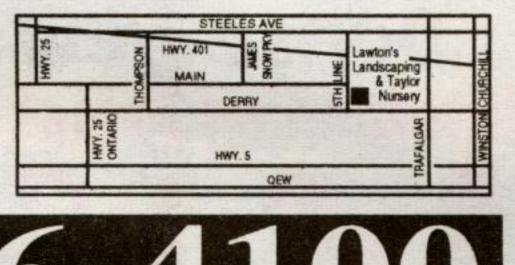
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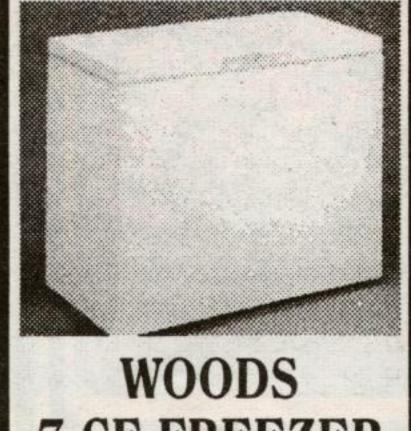
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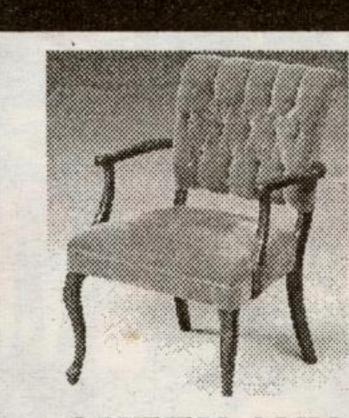




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