

Celebrate Earth Day

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Earth Day Canada. Since its first season of planting activities (spring 1994), CNH partners across the country have planted 1,141,587 native trees and shrubs, plus many acres of wildflowers and native grasses, in projects ranging from large riparian restoration to school yard naturalization.

The Canadian Natural Highway continues to grow in communities across Canada, providing a year-round network to assist with all aspects of community planting.

EcoKids

Earth Day Canada's club-based program for children ages 7-12, EcoKids, focuses on hands-on solutions and community action. There are 550 EcoKids clubs (nearly 16,000 members) which

receive seasonal projects that include identifying and understanding local environmental challenges, creating a solution and becoming "Hometown Heroes" by putting solutions to work in their communities. EcoKids clubs expanded to 1,000 clubs in 1996.

EcoKids News keeps EcoKids in touch with each other, and clubs also receive a subscription to POP! (Protecting Our Planet) Newspaper, with their own EcoKids page, to keep them in touch with environmental youth initiative across Canada. Membership also includes special rates at theatres, museums and nature attractions.

For further information, contact Earth Day Canada, 144 Front Street West, Suite 250, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2L7, 1-416-599-1991.

Mow your lawn the earth-friendly way

If you still mow your lawn in the traditional way, you probably face the same problem over and over again: grass clippings.

You may not know it, but keeping grass clippings on the lawn can actually make a lawn healthier by returning vital nitrogen to the soil, effectively enriching your lawn every time you mow.

So what do you do? First, mow more often. A side-discharge mower keeps clippings to a minimum and spreads them evenly over your lawn, so you won't need to rake.

If you use a bagging attachment,

you can transfer clippings to a compost pile that will provide you with natural, organically enriched earth for feeding vegetables and plants later on.

Besides mowing, you could try mulching. Mulching mowers and mulching blade attachments put grass clippings to work for you. By cutting and then recutting grass, a mulching blade produces fine particles that can barely be seen. These small particles decompose quickly, returning nutrients to your lawn.

So as you can see, any type of mower can help you to recycle grass clippings.

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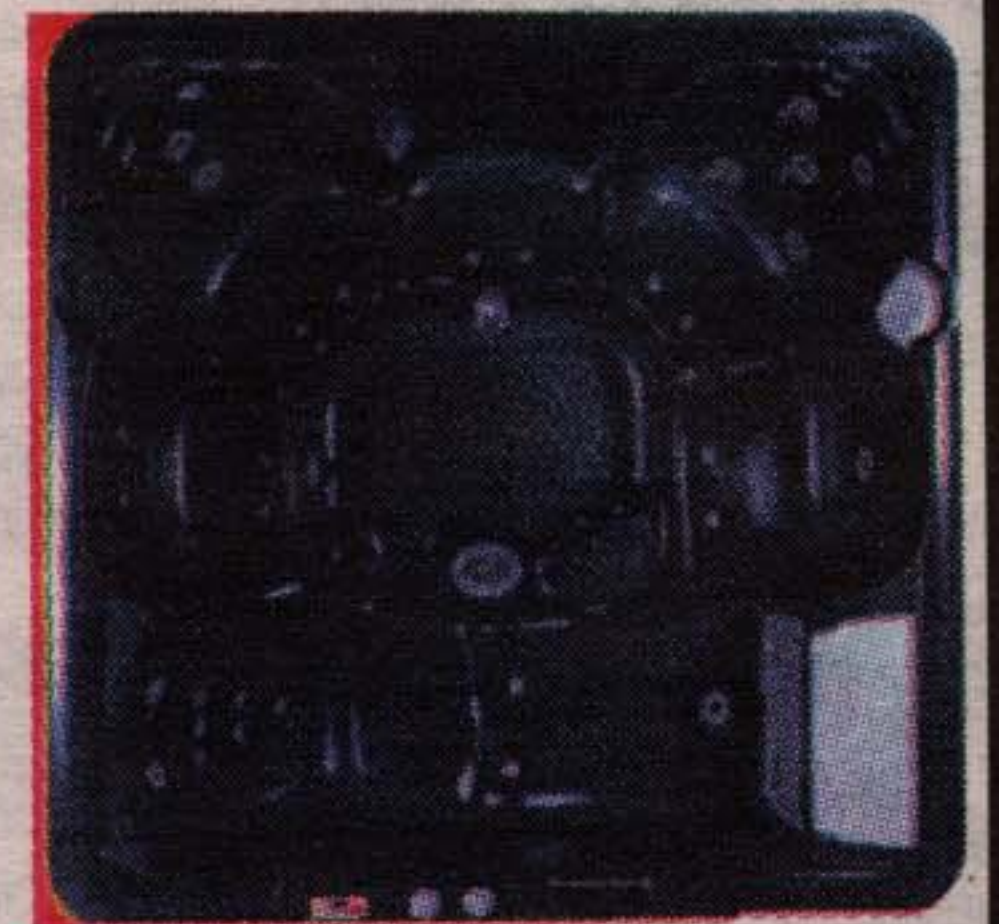
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