It's Time for the Fall I Garden Clean-up

Whether you're a green thumb addict and love spending time in all that outside work as a task best come by. put aside, you probably need to do some level of a fall cleaning-up around your garden.

Assuming you have trees in the area, the first thing you'll need to deal with is the falling leaves. Rake 'em up - they have their uses. If you have a compost, mow through the leaves a couple of times to chop them up and then add them dry to your compost pile. They're ideal material.

If you have a lot of leaves, save some over the winter and use them for mulch as spring approaches. They'll enrich your soil, prevent erosion, reduce evaporation and control weeds.

Cut back plants now

fall is the time to trim flowering perennials down to about six inches above the ground, dig them up, divide the roots into smaller units and them replant with lots of mulch and low-nitrogen fertilizer around them.

coleus can be dug up, re-potted good time to consider other things and brought inside to spend the that need to be done such as winter as houseplants.

most bulbs. Their roots will get a healthy start in the ground during the fall, rest during the winter and provide glorious blooms in the spring. Reputable nurseries and bulb catalogues are easy to come by and suppliers are generally reliable.

If you're relatively new to gardening, books and booklets on the the garden, or a person who sees do's and don'ts are also easy to

Special care for the lawn

During the seasonal change, it's the time to give your lawn its closest cut. The grass should be short because long grass can develop snow mould and rot causing problems in the spring. Fall is also the time to give your lawn a good feeding with slow-release fertilizer to help get it through the winter months.

This is also the time to plant new trees and evergreens. Roots will establish themselves in the fall weather and rest easily during the winter. Trees planted in the spring and summer often tend to concentrate more on growing above the ground than in establishing their roots.

As the fall weather gets colder, go easy on the watering. An overnight frost can freeze surface water which can damage shallow roots and stems.

While you're outside sprucing Some plants such as herbs and up the garden for winter, it's a cleaning the eavestroughs, check-This is the time to but and plant ing insulation on storm doors and windows and filling exterior

> Cleaning and preparing your garden for winter will give you a sense of accomplishment during the long winter days and nights, and make the tasks of spring easier for you.

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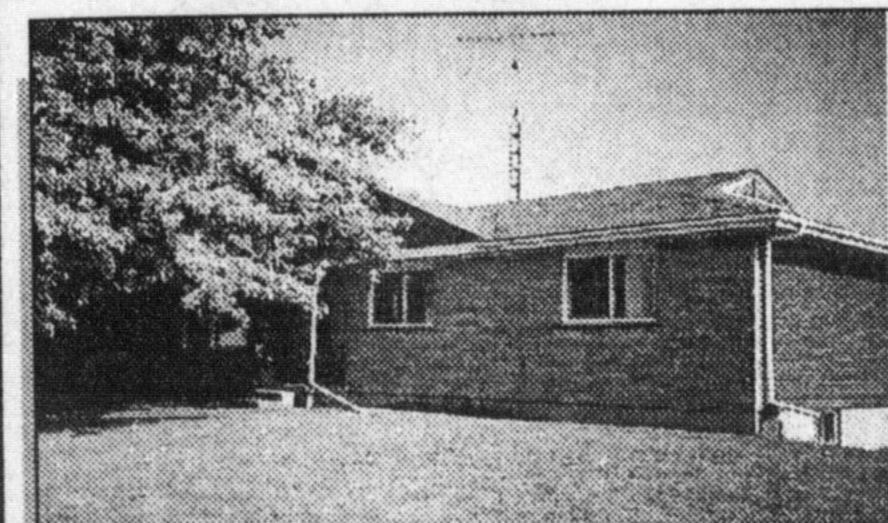
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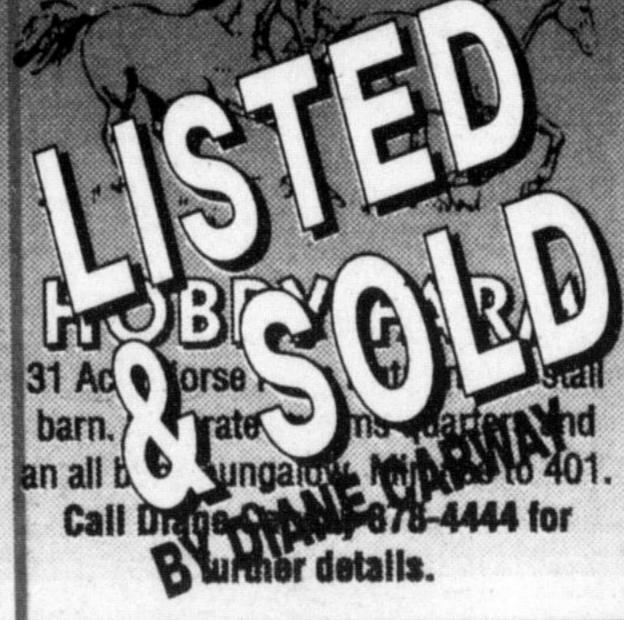
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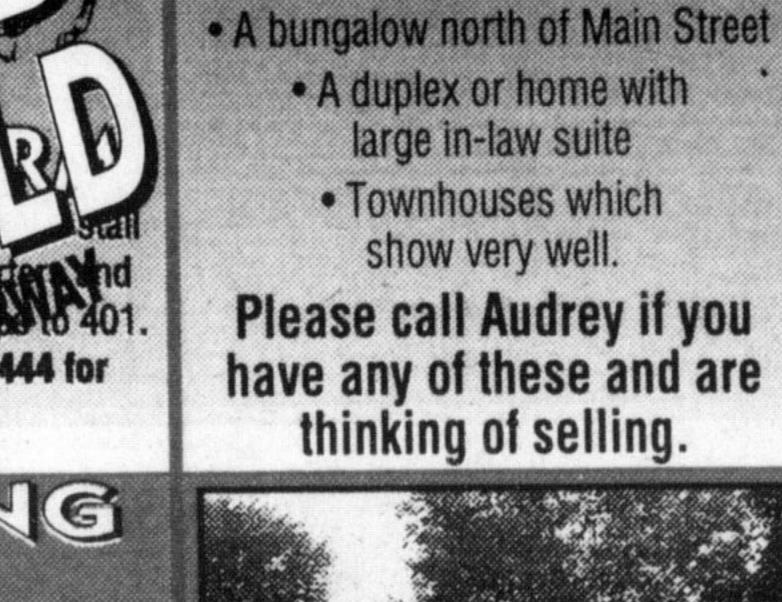
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