

ADVERTISING FEATURE

HOME & GARDEN

Grass will go dormant if not watered during hot spell

The signs of summer can be intoxicating — the smell of hotdogs on the grill or a freshly cut lawn. Birds singing and children laughing as they romp through a sprinkler.

Those sprinklers are also doing a very important job — watering lawns.

If nature doesn't provide enough moisture for your lawn, you need to help. Grass has to take most of its nutrients dissolved in water. Without enough water in the soil, a lawn can't get the nutrients it needs for food production, growth, strength and reproduction — making it susceptible to disease and insects.

Your lawn needs at least one inch of water a week. Use a rain gauge to monitor rainfall. Use sprinklers to supplement the amount of rain your lawn receives by placing sprinklers evenly

around your yard. When you water, water deeply. If possible, water in the morning. Grass blades left wet overnight are susceptible to disease and fungus. Even if you monitor the amount of water your lawn receives, watch your lawn for signs of thirst. Sandy soils need more water while rich organic soils generally need less

evaporation, heat, length of grass blade, shade and wind all affect your lawn's watering needs.

If your grass blades begin to curl or turn bluish-green, your lawn needs to be watered. Another sign that it's time to water is when you walk across the lawn and can look back and see your footprints.

If you're having a long dry spell, either water regularly or don't water at all. If you don't water, your lawn will go dormant — you can bring it back to life when the drought is over. If you decide to water, be sure you water regularly and deeply. The worst thing you can do is tease your lawn with small amounts of water now and then.

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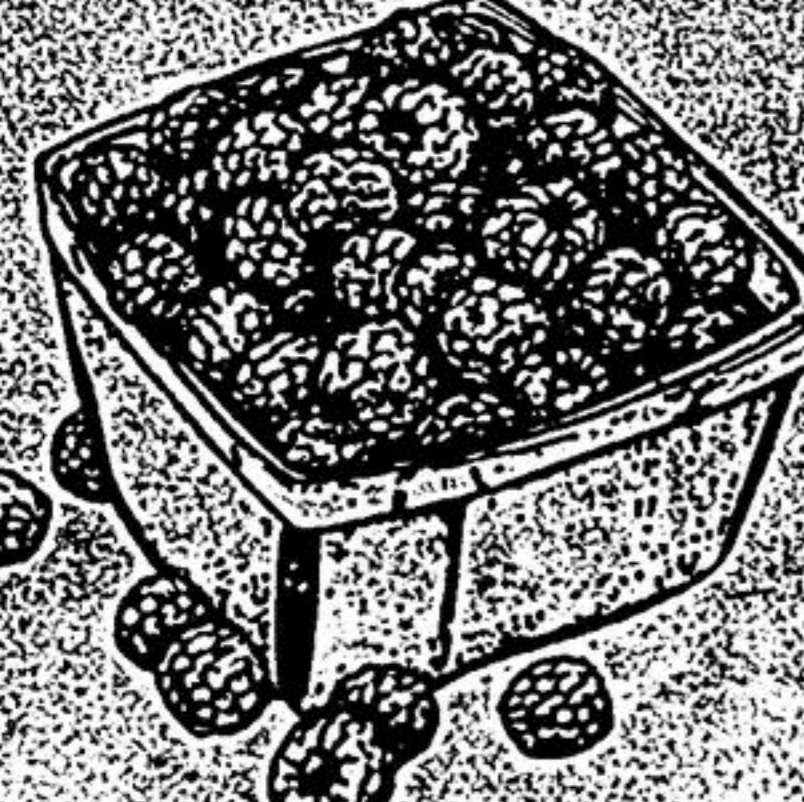
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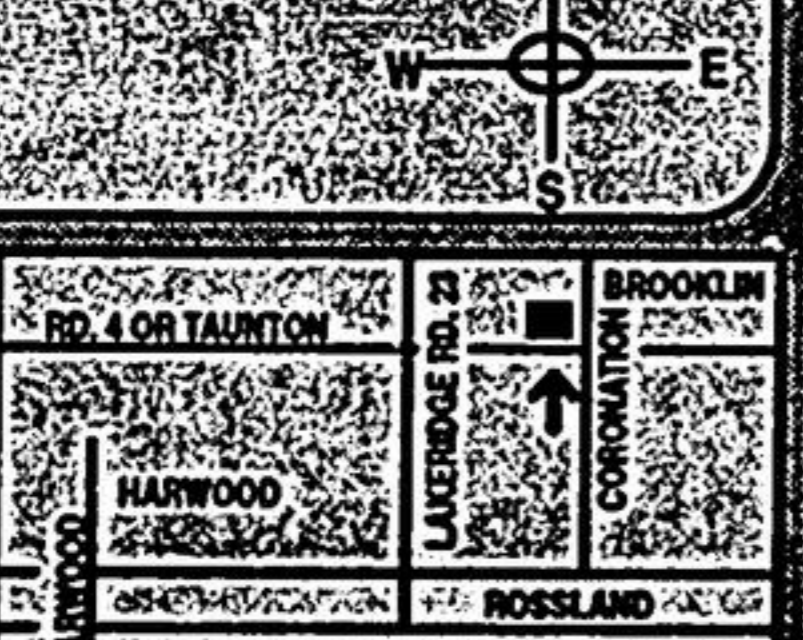
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