

HOME AND GARDEN

It's time to plant grass seed

Most garden plants are well into dormancy by now and it's time to start adding some winter protection to the less hardy varieties.

Tender roses like hybrid teas, floribundas and grandifloras need to be hilled or mulched for the winter.

Before covering them up, however, it is very important to clean up thoroughly around them. Prune the canes back to about knee height and remove all dead leaves or debris from the surrounding soil.

Pull all remaining leaves off the stalks before applying the mulch. Any dead leaves or debris can harbour diseases and insect eggs that can also survive all winter under the protection and re-infect your roses next spring.

Upright evergreens should be wrapped with burlap or netting. The most serious injury done to uprights over the winter is heavy snowload on the branches, which can bend them to the point of breaking. Netting can be used to prevent this, but use a burlap wrapping if the shrub is exposed to winter winds or salt spray from roads.

Cold winds can desiccate an evergreen and kill branches. This winter burn is seen in the spring when one side of your shrub will be green and the other brown.

Pile leaves or straw on perennial gardens and allow the plants to die in place. Save the trimming and cleaning up for the spring. The dead branches and leaves will help to protect the roots

from freeze/thaw cycles that occur during the winter.

After all your plants have had their cozy winter garments put on, you can get yours out.

Autumn is the best time to plant grass seed. The following tips will ensure your lawn, whether new or existing, will look fabulous. Select seed that is suited to the amount of sun or shade in your yard.

New supergrass varieties have been created that are more able to cope with drought, insects, disease and high traffic. Don't scrimp on costs when choosing a grass seed. Expect to pay a more for higher quality mixtures.

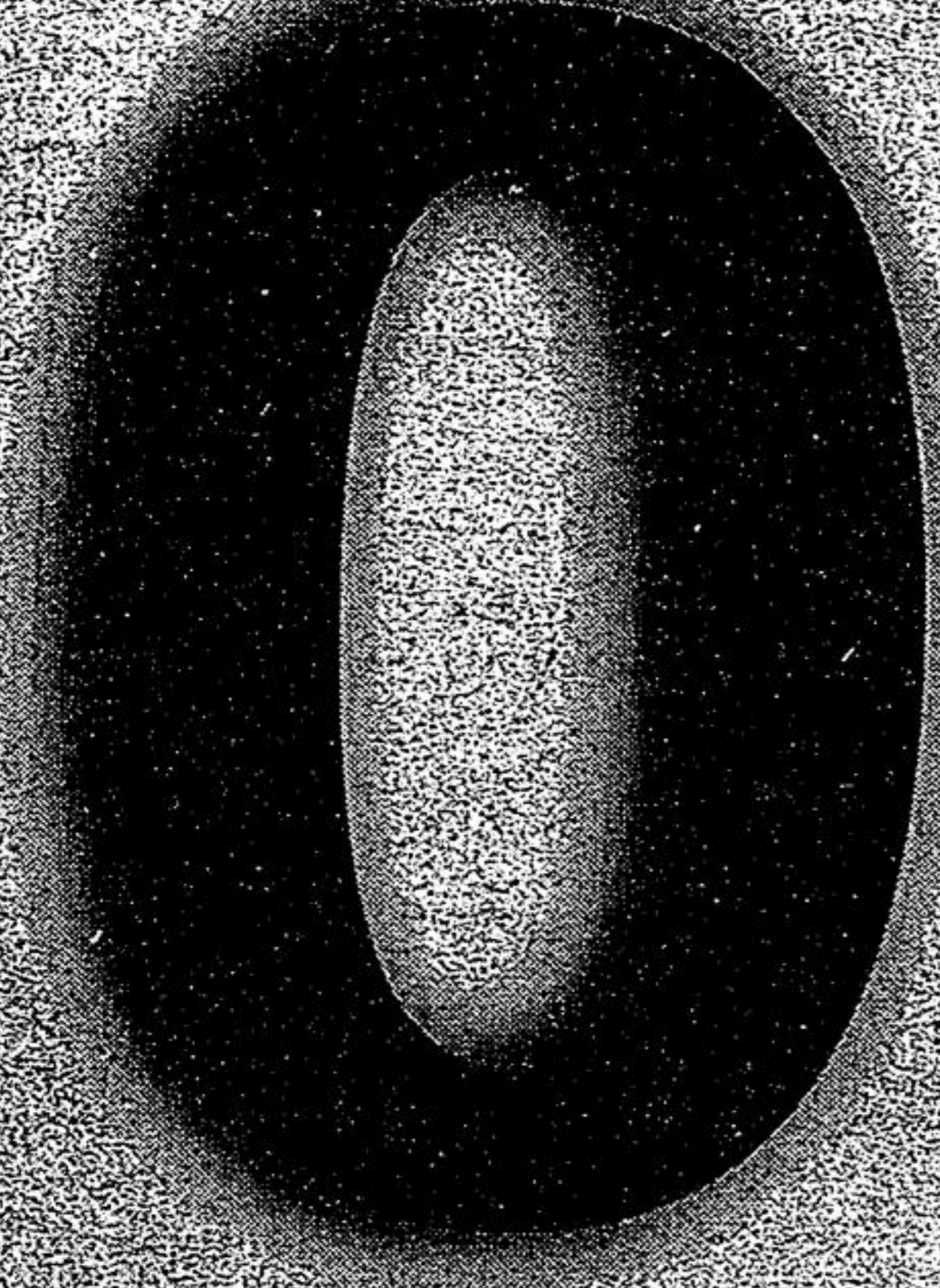
Spend the time and money to prepare the soil properly before planting. This may mean aerating your lawn or adding a top dressing of good soil.

Sow your grass seed evenly at the recommended rate. Water thoroughly after seeding and then daily for at least three weeks. Sprinkle lightly so you don't wash away the fine grass seed.

After the seeds have germinated and grown enough to establish some roots, you'll want to reduce watering to every second or third day and finally to once a week. Established lawns should be watered infrequently, but deeply. Deep roots help grass plants withstand drought, heat and excessive wear.

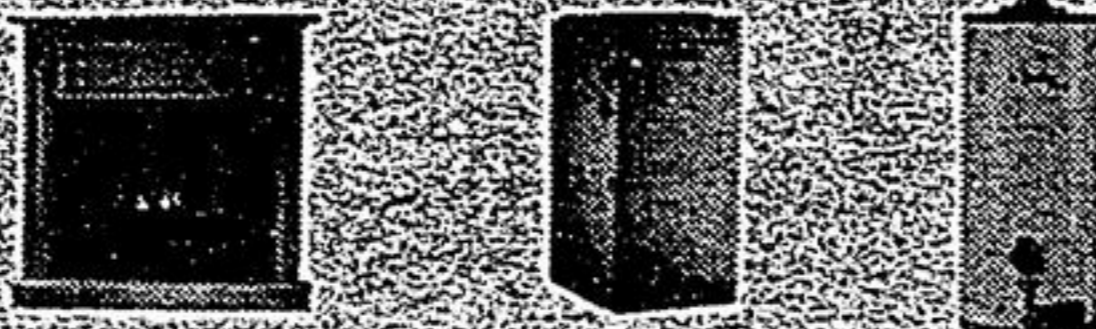
This article was written by Charlie Dobbins, B.Sc. (Agr), a horticultural expert from White Rose Home & Garden Centres.

Union Energy won't leave you out in the cold. Take comfort this winter with



0% Interest

for the next 18 months OR WE PAY THE GST\*



The first 50 customers who mention this ad will receive a free fireplace remote control with purchase.

Visit a Union Energy location near you: 7676 Woodbine Ave. Unit #8 Markham, ON Tel: (905) 479-1024

\*OAC. When you purchase a fireplace, furnace or water heater. Minimum purchase is \$1,000. This offer only applies to GTA. Offer while supplies last.



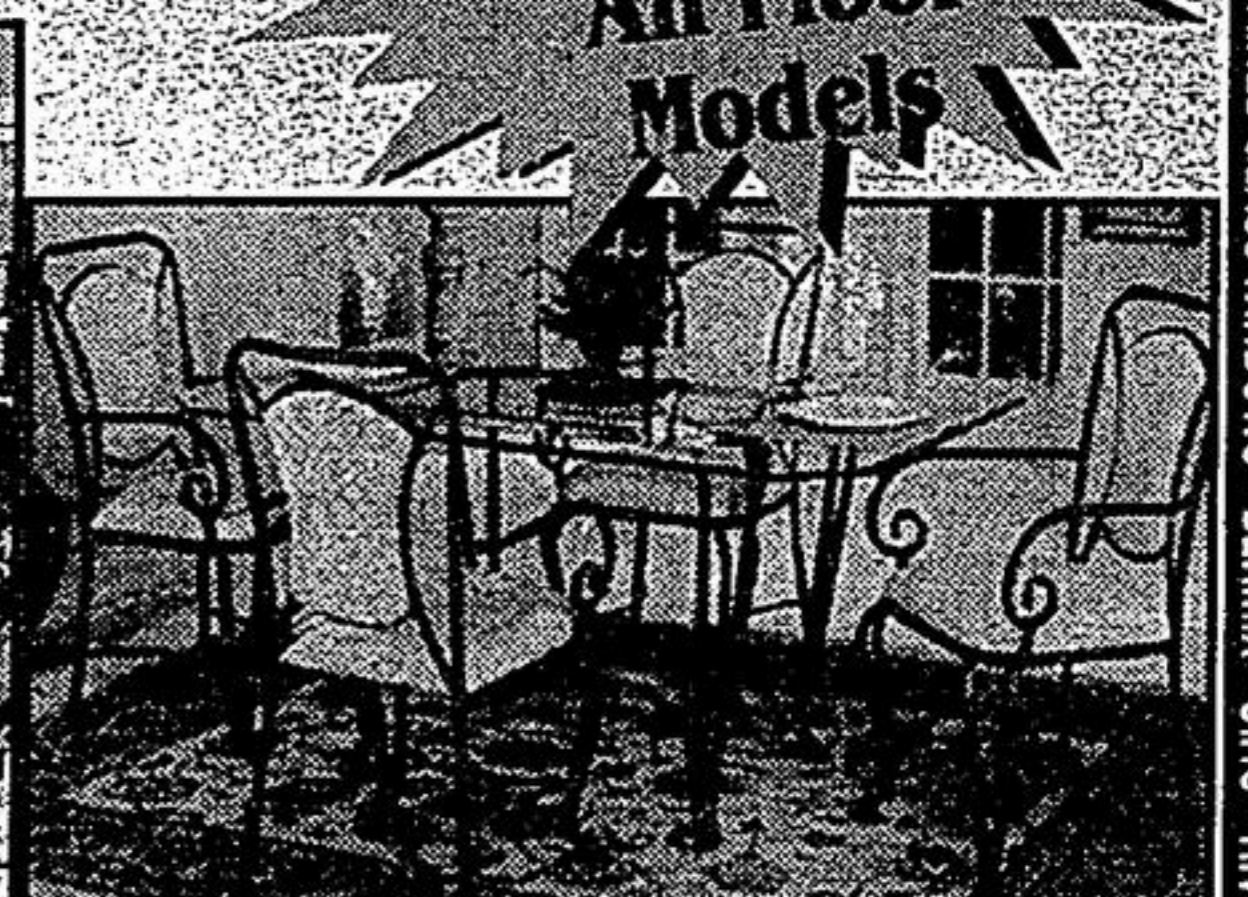
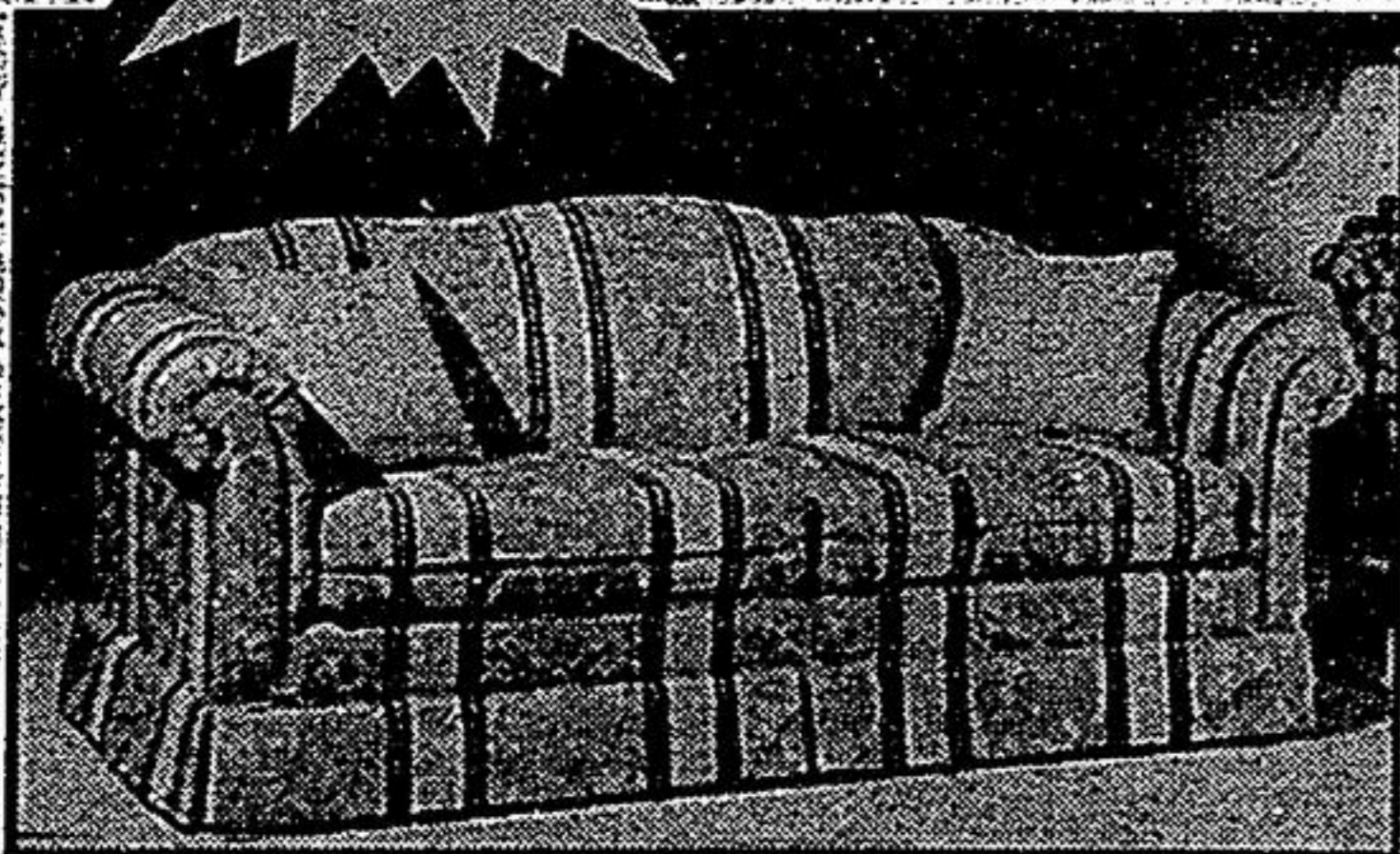
1-888-689-7774

NTWOOD • UNIVERSAL • LEDA KROEHLER, BUHLER, FUTURE CHAIR • DURHAM • SIMMONS • KING KOIL • EL/RAN • KINGS DOWN • KROEHLER, BU

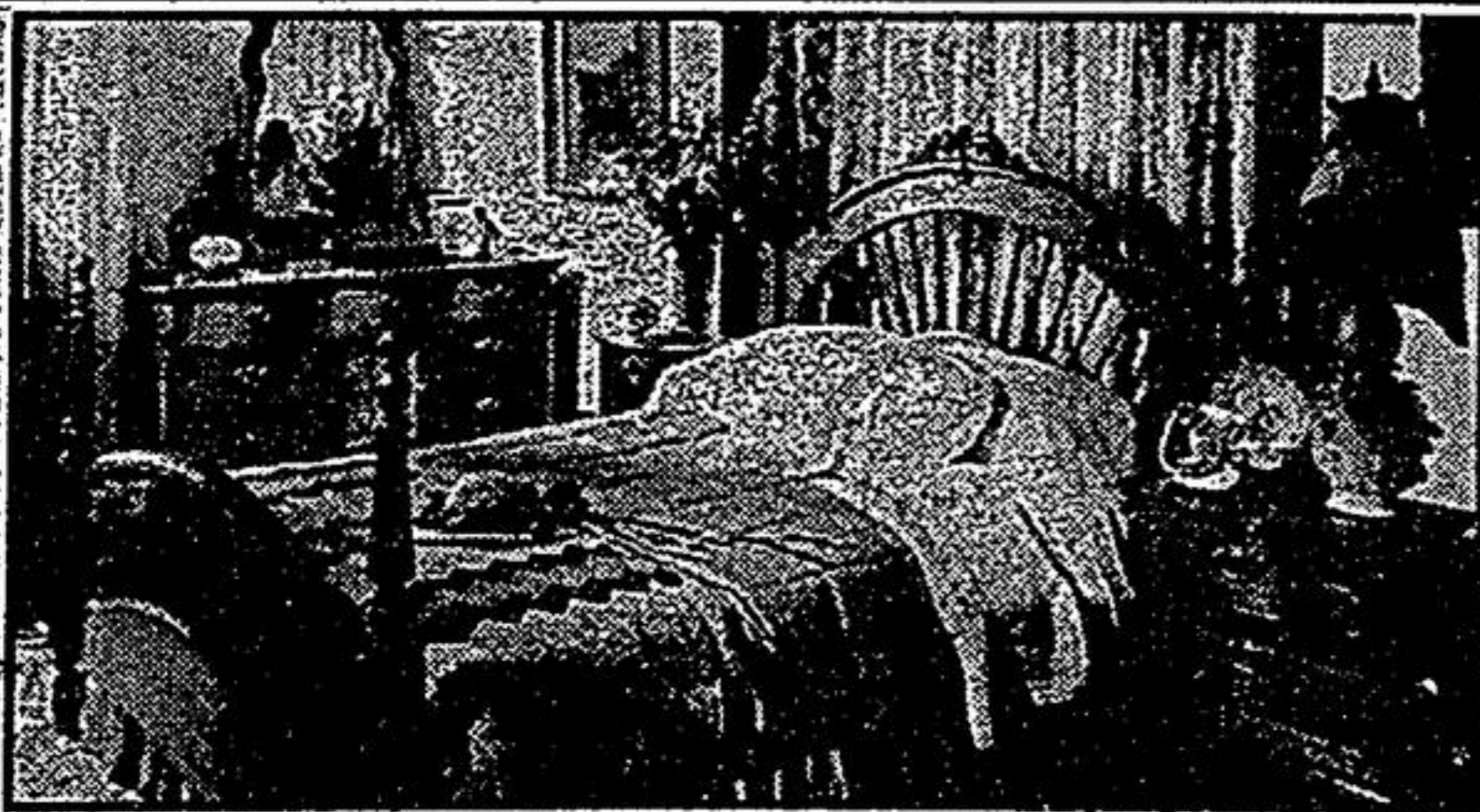
FLOOR MODEL SALE

WE WILL PAY THE GST!

25% OFF All Floor Models



For the very best in styles, selection, quality, make Stouffville Furniture your store to shop



**Stouffville Furniture**  
Accessories & Mattress Gallery  
For All Your Furnishing Needs

**KINGSDOWN'S Pocket Coil SUPER SALE!**  
All 25% Off Regular Ticketed Price

SALE ON 704 651 835

Twin Double Queen King

**KING KOIL Truckload sale**

	TRI-TONE MULTI	ANNIVERSARY	PILLOW TOP	HONOUR	FANTASIA PILLOW TOP	SEVILLE SILK & WOOL
Twin Set	249 <sup>00</sup>	349 <sup>00</sup>	Sold Out		Sold Out	548 <sup>00</sup>
Double Set	299 <sup>00</sup>	399 <sup>00</sup>	499 <sup>00</sup>	599 <sup>00</sup>	599 <sup>00</sup>	Sold Out
Queen Set	Sold Out	450 <sup>00</sup>	599 <sup>00</sup>	699 <sup>00</sup>	699 <sup>00</sup>	Sold Out

While Quantities Last • No PST • No GST

5402 Main St., Stouffville 642-6828

Sale Ends November 5/99

FUTURE CHAIR • STAINED GLASS WINDOWS • BERMIX • U.F.C. • RIVERSIDE • VILLAGIOS ART LINE • DECORE-REST • CROWN DESIGN • LEXINGTON • A/P • HPL • SUPER STYLE • BREN

HER FUTURE CHAIR • STAINED GLASS WINDOWS • BERMIX • U.F.C. • RIVERSIDE • VILLAGIOS ART LINE • DECORE-REST • CROWN DESIGN • LEXINGTON • A/P • HPL • SUPER STYLE • BREN