Develops Winter Fertilizer

A new fertilizer, said to be developed exclusively for fall and winter lawn feeding, is now being marketed by Smith-Douglass Div. of Borden Chemical Co.

Named “Winter Survival,” company spokesmen say the new fertilizer is designed to promote the root growth of grasses. This takes place during fall and winter when there is little surface growth. Test results are said to have proved that grass roots which have deepened and expanded in the cold weather months will produce a thicker, greener lawn in the spring.

More information about “Winter Survival” may be obtained from the Smith-Douglass Div., Borden Chemical Co., 5100 Virginia Beach Blvd., Norfolk, Va.

Markets Adjustable Helmet

Air Boy, lightweight, adjustable fiberglass helmets, feature positioning pads and tension adjustment straps to give even-weight distribution and eliminate pressure points, JoArt Industries reports. The safety helmet has a portable air filter system, Bac Pac, adjustable, tinted face shield, and interchangeable filters.

Two reusable pre-filters remove more than 95% of all particulate matter, JoArt claims. Internal filters of 6/10 micron matrix and a charcoal filter complete the unit. Accessories include heaters, transistorized two-way radios, air conditioners, and a stationary power source. J. B. Folkedale, Jr., JoArt Industries, P. O. Box 4365, Glendale, Calif. 91202 has details.

How To Restore Flooded Lawns, Shrubs

Shrubs, trees, lawns, and flower borders damaged by floods need not be considered a total loss, says C. G. Hard, extension horticulturist at the University of Minnesota.

He gives these tips for restoring landscape:

“Some tree species will defoliate because of deep silt and mud around the base. If possible remove silt deposits; if not, prune some branches to help the tree adjust to the root injury.

“On lawns where water has stood 15 to 20 days, the grass will probably be smothered. Remove as many mud and silt deposits as possible, then level the lawn and reseed it. If a lawn needed leveling prior to the flood, level it, add manure, peat, or compost, 1 to 2 bushels to each 5 sq. ft. of grass. Apply 10-10-10 or 0-20-0 fertilizer at 30 to 40 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. and mix thoroughly into the soil. Rake the surface and seed.

“In a flooded flower border, remove any silt that covers clumps of perennials such as lilies and peonies. Then broadcast fertilizer to maintain the nutrient level, using 3 to 4 lbs. of 10-10-10 or 8-8-8 fertilizer per 100 sq. ft.”