

RABBIT REPELLENTS

Landscapers, nurserymen, and golf course superintendents are reminded that rabbits can do a lot of damage especially to young trees and shrubs. Sometimes damage occurs very early, so applications of rabbit repellents or plastic tree protectors should not be delayed too long.

"If you are caught with very cold weather and want to make application of liquid rabbit repellents, one can simply mix 1/2 to 1 pint methanol anti-freeze per gallon of repellent with the repellent and application can be made in even the coldest weather," states Tom Mendelson, ornamental horticulturist with Lake-Cook Farm Supply Company at Des Plaines, Illinois. Mendelson pointed out that with prolonged periods of cold weather and a lot of snow, extra precaution may have to be made where prior protection was unnecessary.

"We have also found that there can be outbreaks of rodents where populations were very low before, so nurserymen, particularly, should constantly monitor their fields for rabbit or mouse damage," he stated. If one has just a few trees to protect, the plastic tree protector is quick and easy to snap around the trunk. Mouse damage will be found primarily where there is a cover of weeds or turf grass. Orchardists use Zinc Phosphide as an effective mouse killer.

Walter L. Vogl

Dear Ray;

I am sending you a Poem I wrote, back in the fifties. It was my sentiments then and I find they still hold true. You are always looking for material for the **Bull Sheet**, so if you feel this will qualify, be my guest. If not, give it the deep six.

"DOLLAR SPOT ON PARADE?"

The speckling of Pythium,
The blur of Helminthosporium,
The unrestricted view, of Curvularia too.

It makes you think and wonder,
Of lightning and of thunder.

Of Natures's way of showing,
How much is in our knowing.

With prevention and control,
You end up in the hole.

Over a period of time,
Mother Nature says, it's mine,
I will do just as I feel.

If you have tasted of this wine,
I'm sure you know, it's real.

I hope you had a Merry Christmas and I wish you the best the New Year can bring. Superintendently,

Kenneth R. Zanzig, Supt.
Old Oak C.C.

Skeptical about the way mail is handled, the man left this note on a parcel: "Fragile. Please throw underhand."

Nutrient deficiencies, weeds, diseases, thin turf, insects.

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