

trimmings



MIDWEST TURFGRASS GROWERS Association offered a survival kit to its members recently as a promotional idea. The kit was a 15x32-inch plastic sign with one-inch raised letters in red and green on white background. The sign said. **SURVIVAL KIT** — Actively growing grass on a plot 25 sq. ft. (5x5 ft.) releases enough oxygen to sustain life day after day for a living person. It also performs the following functions: Purifies the air, traps dust particles, eliminates bad odors, transpires moisture, washes the air, muffles noise, controls sun glare, and beautifies the area.

If you're interested in how the promotion worked out, contact Bill Latta, MTGA president, P.O. Box 9268, Kansas City, Mo. 64168.

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YOU JUST CAN'T PLEASE everybody, the old saying goes. Take the situation in Toronto. Nix on DDT, the bird and other wildlife proponents said, even if all the elm

trees die. So the next best way to control Dutch Elm Disease was to cut down infected trees. Hold on, the wildlife proponents are now saying. Quit cutting down those dead trees. They make good homes for raccoons, flying squirrels, wood ducks, woodpeckers and hawks!

A completely dead elm doesn't spread DED. The dilemma, however, is how to get an infected elm to "completely dead status" without infecting healthy trees, and then how to keep the dead tree from falling on someone's house!

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DENVER LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR Lew Hammer, Inc., recognizes individuals for "outstanding achievements in saving valuable trees." Six recent recipients were: highway department employees Harvey Atchison and Dick Brasher who saved 250 pine trees representing 2,000 years' growth, through engineering modifications and transplantings during construction of I-70 through Mount Vernon Canyon west of Denver; Glen Jacoby of the University of Wyoming for saving trees at a new stadium construction site for beautification of the university's

golf course; Jerry Kemp, Yuma city manager for saving trees transplanted into the High Plain golf course and recreation area; Jerry Morris of Rocky Mountain Tree Experts of Denver, for major influence in saving elm trees threatened with disease; and Harry Vogel of Vogel Construction Co., Denver, for helping save trees marked for destruction at the Chatfield Dam site.

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WEEDS RESISTANT to simazine and atrazine have shown up in nursery plots at Puyallup, reports the Seattle Times. Dr. George F. Ryan, research horticulturist at the Western Washington Research and Extension Center, said the chemicals had been used once or twice a year for the past 10 years. Resistant strains were noticed, he said, but within a couple of seasons weed control has been lost. The weed that became resistant is common groundsel.

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