

cooking hints



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Serve Cherry-Lemon Holiday Dessert for your holiday buffet. This festive layered dessert of red and white starts with cherry gelatin and cherry pie filling. Velvetized evaporated milk blends with softened cream cheese for a rich and creamy top layer. Make and chill in the early afternoon. Serve with extra cherry pie filling for buffet supper that night.



CHERRY-LEMON HOLIDAY DESSERT (Makes 8 to 10 servings)

- 1 package (3 ounces) lemon flavored gelatin
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup boiling water
- 1 package (3 ounces) softened cream cheese
- 1/2 cup undiluted Carnation Evaporated Milk
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon rind
- 1 package (3 ounces) cherry flavored gelatin
- 2 cups (21-ounce can) cherry pie filling

Directions: Lemon gelatin and sugar in 1/2 cups boiling water. Cool. Combine cream cheese and evaporated milk in small mixing bowl. Using electric mixer beat until smooth. Stir cooled milk-cream mixture into cooled lemon gelatin. Add lemon rind. Pour gelatin into shallow 6-cup mold. Refrigerate until partially set but not firm. Dissolve cherry gelatin in remaining 1 cup boiling water. Reserve 1/2 cup cherry pie filling; add remaining pie filling to cherry gelatin. Spoon cherry gelatin over partially set lemon gelatin. Chill until firm (2 to 3 hours). Unmold and serve with reserved cherry pie filling.

Lawn Care

Watering Is No Simple Job

Watering a lawn seems like a simple thing. Man needs water to live, and so do lawns. Yet there is more disagreement about watering than about any other aspect of lawn care.

Most of the disagreement stems from the lack of a precise rule that can be universally applied to all lawns. Each homeowner must personally analyze the characteristics of his own yard, say landscaping experts for Rockwell International.

The type of grass, the type of weeds present, the type of soil, the grade of the lawn, the amount of sun the lawn gets and the cost and availability of water all affect when and how much water should be applied. Consequently, making a rule more precise than "when it needs it" is difficult.

The best indication of "when it needs it" is that the soil should be moist throughout the root structure, which usually penetrates about three to four inches below the ground surface.

There are dangers to both overwatering and underwatering. If insufficient water is applied, the soil will lose moisture quickly, causing the roots to dry out and the grass to burn. On the other hand, overwatering impairs oxygen from penetrating the

soil, which stunts root growth. Another simple, yet neglected part of lawn care is trimming. The appearance of an expertly cut lawn can be ruined by tall, uncut grass along a walk or against a house or tree. Many persons disregard this essential part of lawn care because it's tiring and time-consuming. But it doesn't have to be, the experts state. A Rockwell cord-



less electric grass trimmer, they point out, can keep your lawn trimmed the fast and easy way. And because it's upright, you don't have to bend over or crawl along on your hands and knees. If your lawn is receiving the proper amounts of fertilizer and water, and it still looks brown and dying, then it may be suffering from insects or disease.

Consumer Scene



How To Avoid The "Brownout" Blues

Although most Americans have never experienced an electrical "brownout," and probably won't have to worry about one this summer, every homeowner in this area of the "energy crisis" should be familiar with the warning signs of a voltage cutback and know what to do when one occurs.

Early diagnosis of a brownout, a voltage reduction brought on when demand for electricity exceeds the utility company's ability to supply it, can help prevent damage to your motor-driven major appliances.

Although planned power reductions generally range from only 3 to 8 per cent—and experts at General Electric Company say most appliance motors are designed to handle up to a 10 per cent voltage drop—a brownout should be looked upon as a signal to take certain precautions.

If a brownout is in progress, you are most likely to "hear about it" in the kitchen, or "see it" on television.

of guidelines that it recommends appliance users—of all brands, not just its own—follow during periods of known or suspected voltage reduction.

*All electrical appliances not absolutely needed should be turned off, particularly electric water heaters and air conditioners.

*Refrigerators and freezers should be left on and plugged in, but you can help reduce the electrical load by opening their doors only when necessary.

*Avoid using high-wattage small appliances, such as clothes irons, toasters and hair dryers.

*Turn off all lights not actually needed to see or work by.

*When you have word that voltage has returned to normal, continue to leave appliances turned off for at least another five minutes.

With brownouts and blackouts expected to continue to be commonplace terms throughout the 70's, it is a good idea to keep a functioning battery-operating radio in the home at all times so you can hear reports during a power outage about its severity and expected duration.

A flashlight and some candles may also come in handy.

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