

Field Filters

Oil filters, air filters and fuel filters can be purchased at the auto parts store. But try to buy one say 2000 ft. by 15 ft. and see what the parts clerk has to say. Where do you get a filter for your cropland? A filter to keep soil on the land and out of the ditch to keep the water clean. You must grow this filter.

Filter strips are used around edges of cropland to filter sediment, nutrients, pesticides and other pollutants from entering the streams. Filter strips could keep a lot of pollutants out of the Neuse River if all the cropland in the Neuse River Watershed had filter strips.

When the rows paralleled the streams just a 3 ft. width of strip is needed. If the ditch is perpendicular to the rows a minimum of 15 ft. is needed. A wider strip is needed when row water empties into the ditch.

The best vegetation for sandy soil is bermuda grass or weeping love grass. Both love grass and bermuda grass is seeded in the spring. Tall fescue is a good grass for the heavier clay soils.

Usually the end of the rows are higher than the normal field elevation. This causes poor row drainage which can damage crops especially tobacco. When this problem is found the field edge should be cut down to provide for good row drainage.

REMOVING MILDEW

Because it is caused by molds that flourish in damp, warm areas, mildew becomes a particular problem in summer.

According to Dr. Glenda Herman, extension housing specialist at North Carolina State University, opening windows or using an exhaust fan will help you prevent mildew conditions this summer.

"If, however, mildew has already formed, there is a

simple way to remove it from ceramic tile," the specialist notes.

First, scrub the walls and floors with warm water, detergent and Calgon. You may need to use a toothbrush or nail brush to clean grout lines.

Next, rinse walls and floor with clear water. Follow with a rinse made of one cup household bleach to one gallon of water. For very dark spots and corners, use a special



From left to right are: Ms. Bonnie Edwards, vanpool coordinator for Reynolds; Dee Smith, executive vice-president of Reynolds; Ron Heinz; Secretary Roberson; Gov. Hunt; Alan Belzer; president of Allied's Moncure plant; Bob Casey, superintendent of employee relations at Allied's Moncure Plant; Tom Jacobs, plant manager for Allied's Moncure plant; and Hosie Darnell, vanpool coordinator for Allied's Moncure plant.

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application of pure bleach, applied with a Q-tip. Allow the bleach to remain on the stain for 30 minutes, then rinse and dry thoroughly.

"To prevent staining," the specialist notes, "apply a coat of silicone wax or good liquid car wax to the walls. Don't wax the floors as people may slip."

If only the grout is troubled by mildew, clean it and then protect it with silicone waterproofing—the transparent type used for masonry walls. Apply this to the grout with an artist's paint brush and allow it to dry thoroughly.

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