Prepare Your Mower For A Winter's Rest



Murray Mower Tips for Winter Storage—Before you store your lawn mower for the winter empty the gas tank, change the oil, replace the oil filter and check the gap on your sparkplug. These are just a few of the steps to ensure the long life of your lawn mower.

As autumn leaves decorate our lawns, many mowers are shoved into the garage or under the porch for a well-deserved winter's rest. When spring arrives, many of these mowers will be cantankerous creatures, stubborn to start, if they start at all, while others will sputter and cough clouds of fumes. It doesn't have to be that way.

By taking a few minutes to properly prepare your mower for its first winter hibernation, you help prolong its life and avoid those first-time startup problems next year. According to Murray Mower product manager Jack Boone, one of the important secrets is where you store your mower.

"The best place is one that's dry," Boone says. "Moisture causes corrosion in electrical connections and metal parts. In a small engine, this can be a very serious problem. No mower should ever be left out in the elements. If you don't have a garage, storage building or some other dry, enclosed structure, take a water-repellent tarpaulin and some rope to wrap it up for winter storage. Plastic tarpaulins in most instances produce condensation; it's better to use a material that breathes."

Before storage, every mower needs its annual "cleaning," beginning with the fuel tank. To do this, start your mower and let it run until the engine runs out of gasoline and stops. If gasoline is left in a mower, it can form a sticky coating throughout the fuel system, making start-up extremely difficult. Once the engine has stopped and while it is still warm, disconnect the spark plug wire and drain the old oil from the engine. If your engine has an oil filter, remove it and replace it with a new one. Then pour new oil back into the engine's crankcase or sump, taking care to put in the correct volume. Your old oil is usually welcomed by most service stations for recycling. Be careful with flames and sparks around gasoline and oil.

If your air cleaner is made of paper, it probably should be replaced. If it's foam, it may be cleaned with detergent and water. After you've cleaned and dried the filter, moisten it with a little motor oil before replacing.

Mower spark plugs usually last several seasons, but it's a good idea to check it to make sure the gap is the correct setting and that there are no dirty or oily deposits. A wire brush will quickly remove any.

Finally, clean any clippings or debris from above and below the deck. These clippings can hold moisture, causing serious rust problems later on. Whenever you do any work below the deck near the blade, be sure to always disconnect the spark plug wire first. Other areas of maintenance are described in the owners manual you received with your mower.

"You can save a lot of aggravation and unnecessary repair bills by preparing your mower for winter storage," Boone says. "It only takes a few minutes, and it's worth it."

Murray Ohio Manufacturing Co., headquartered in Brentwood, Tennessee, is one of the country's leading producers of lawn mowers and bicycles, and boasts a service network of 7,500 dealers nationwide.

Mayors Meet In Virgin Islands

ATLANTA, Ga.—The National Conference of Black Mayors held its quarterly board of directors meeting in the United States Virgin Islands. More than 20 African-American mayors were in St. Thomas from Oct. 18-20. The organization was invited to meet in St. Thomas by the USVI Ministry of Tourism's Office of Black Conventions and Meetings. This marked the first time in its 18-year history that NCBM had met offshore.

commended the USVI for focusing on securing black meetings and conventions. Mayor Blackwell further commented, "According to Successful Meetings, a tourism publication. African-Americans spend in excess of \$3 billion on conventions and other meetings. It is important for the USVI to capture some of that revenue because as a part of the African diaspora, we should be able to support each other's reconomic growth." Attending the

The Philos Club Recognized For Community Work

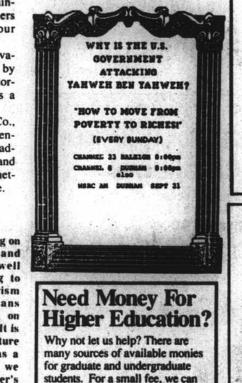
Sorors Mamie Haywood, Primrose Jackson, Dorothy Thomas and Victoria Walters were bostesses for a special recognition dinner for the Beta Lambda Sigma Philos Club at the Seafood Box, The Philos were recognized for the dedicated service and superb manner in which they have served as "friends of Sigma."

The Philos Club is an affiliate of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and renders service and assistance to the programs and projects promoted by the sorority, as well as sponsoring projects and community service programs which the Philos Club initiates. The Philos are active on the regional and national levels of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and are quite visible throughout the United States.

Persons attending the dinner were Phils Delores Asbury, Edith T. Cheek, Gwen John, Eyvonne Peppers, Belinda Rowland, Jeannette Terrell: sorors Carnetta Blakely. Mary Carter, Mamie Haywood, Primrose Jackson, Etta Solomon, Dorothy Thomas, Victoria Walters, Ms. Martha Boatwright, Ms. Catherine C. Wilkins, Ms. Margaret Cannon Cheek, Ms. Wendy rogers, Ms. Clara Guess, Ms. Cynthia Russell, Ms. Terri Terrell, J.D. Asbury, Jarron Asbury, Peter Cheek, David E. Haywood, Mr. and Mrs. William Osborne and Ronnie Johnson.



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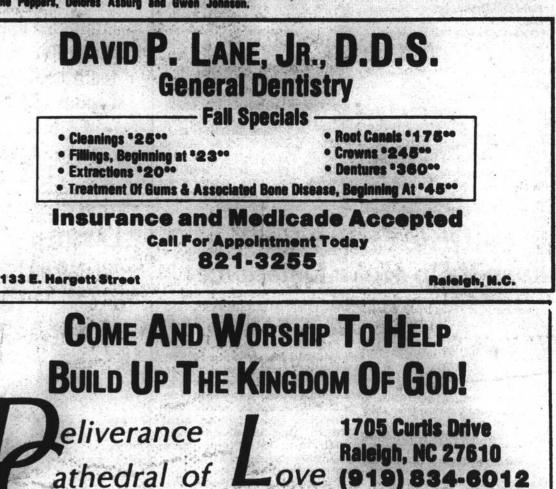
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SPECIAL RECOGNITION—The Beta Lambda Sigma Philos were cited recently at an appreciation dinner. Philos presented included: Standing (I. to r.) Jeannette Terrell, Eyvenne Poppers, Delores Asburg and Gwen Johnson.

Seated (I. - r.) Edith T. Check, President; and Belinda Rowland, Secretary. Not pictured Luia Morgan and Derethy B. Smith.





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9:30 A.M. Church School 10:45 A.M. Morning Praise Service 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service 6:00 P.M. Evening Fellowship Service

COMING EVENTS

The Everready Choir of the Mount Zion Baptist Church will host a Pre-Anniversary Program on Saturday October 19, 1991, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Various choirs will be attending, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The congregation of the Mount Zion Baptist Church is celebrating the Twelfth Pastoral Anniversary of our Pastor; J. Allen Lewis, The Week of October 21-27, 1991. The public is cordially invited to attend. For more details contact Mrs. Chalmers at 469-3313.

The Missionary Deparetment will render services on Saturday. November 2. 1991 at 6:00 P.M. Reverend Leonard Farrar of Wake Grove Baptist Church is the Guest Speaker.

Deliverance Cathedral of Love's Gospel Choir will celebrate their anniversary on the Third Sunday, October 20, 1991 at 5:00 PM. There will be many local groups and choirs on program. The public is cordially invited to attend.



October 22nd through 25th, 1991 there will be a Youth Convention held at Deliverance Cathedral of Love. Tuesday night Elder Patrick Wooden and upper Room Church of God in Christ will be the guest, Wednesday night Paster Haywood Parker and Truth Tabernacie of Deliverance of Rocky Mount will be the guest, Thursday night Bishop F. C. Barnes and Red Bud Holy Church of Rocky Mount will be the guest, and Friday night Elder Edward Mitchell from Emanuel Tabernacie Baptist Church. Apostolic Faith will be the guest speaker along with the Truly Anointed Ensemble.

Saturday night, October 28, 1991 Deliverance Cathedral of Love will present the Tidewater Gaspel Drama Guild in a drama entitled "I Surrender All", at Needham B. Broughton High School at 7:00 P.M. Also, the Deliverance Cathedral of Love Action Choir will give a mini concert. Tickets for this affair are \$7.00 per person and are on sale at Gospel King Records and Tapes on New Bern Avenue or you may purchase tickets from any of the members of the choir or church. Come and enjoy an evening of gespel, drama, and praises! For further information and purchase of tickets you may call the church at (919) \$31-\$6012 Mon. thru Fri. from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 P.M.

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