



Grass clippings: Good as gold for your lawn

Why bag your grass clippings?

Consider for a moment *not* bagging your grass. Gone are the hassles of stopping every few minutes to empty the mower bag, raking, wrestling with expensive trash bags. Instead, by not bagging your grass, your clippings are working their way back into the soil and playing a very important role.

Clippings contain the nutrients your lawn needs to grow. Every bag of grass clippings contains up to 1/4 pound of usable organic nitrogen. You can reduce your fertilization costs by recycling lawn clippings back into the lawn.

You may say that not bagging your grass is unhealthy for your lawn... it will cause excessive thatch build-up and kill your lawn. The fact is, thatch is made up of grass roots, dead leaf sheaths, and rhizomes, which decompose slowly, not the grass leaves that are cut when you mow. Grass clippings decompose rapidly, and can help make your lawn more vigorous and durable.

Recycle your fertilizer

Successfully recycling grass clippings back to your lawn requires only the kind of attention all lawns should have on a regular basis. Mow when your grass is dry and 3 to 4" tall. Never

Grass clipping benefits

According to turf experts, grass clippings:

- reduce water evaporation from the lawn,
- reduce lawn wear by creating a cushioning layer, and
- facilitate better growth by providing nutrients and keeping the soil temperature cooler.

cut it shorter than 2 to 2½" in height. This height will allow your lawn to have a larger and deeper root system — making a stronger defense against weeds and droughts.

Use a sharp mower blade (a mulching mower if you have one). A sharp blade and frequent mowing will mean finer clippings that will decompose quickly. (If you have trouble using your mower without the bagger, call your hardware store or dealer for assistance.)

Avoid overfertilizing your lawn. If it becomes too dense with growth, your clippings won't reach the soil to decompose.

Remove excessive thatch before leaving your clippings on the lawn. Although a ½" of thatch is no problem, a thick layer will keep clippings

from reaching the soil.

Limit the use of lawn chemicals. Save money and allow soil organisms to return nutrients to the soil by first correctly diagnosing lawn problems and then applying corrective measures only when needed.

Compost your clippings

You may choose to collect your clippings every third time you mow... or every other time. If you want to collect your clippings occasionally, recycle them as a mulch in the garden or in planting beds. Mulching adds nutrients to soil, reduces weed problems, lowers the soil temperature and increases the moisture. Mulch also helps maintain good soil structure and minimizes erosion by protecting the soil surface.

However, avoid mulching with grass that's been recently treated with herbicides that can harm your plants. Chemically treated clippings should be left on the lawn or in your compost bin, where herbicides will breakdown in about six weeks.

If you can't use grass clippings in your own yard, find a neighbor who can... or take them to either the town compost pile at the transfer site or the county compost pile on Libby Rd. at Lake Farm Park.

Dane County has three public compost sites

Dane County opened its three yard waste compost sites on Monday, April 5, 1993. These sites are available for dropping off non-woody yard waste, or for picking up finished compost. The use of the sites is free.

The site most convenient for Dunn residents is the Lake Farm site on Libby Road, just east of the county's Lake Farm Park. The hours are 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. On Tuesday and Friday, the site closes at 10:30 a.m.

The Westport site on Highway 19 one-half mile east of Highway 113 is open Tuesday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and the Verona site on the east side of the county's Verona landfill is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Dane County's compost sites accept only nonwoody plant material. They do not accept brush, Christmas wreaths, or garlands (because of the metal wire), or trash of any sort including pieces of fences, plastic bags or styrofoam, plastic lawn edging or similar material.

The sites also provide free compost. Small users should bring their own containers and shovels. For large users, trucks can be loaded by the county if arrangements are made in advance.

Homeowners may find that home compost systems are more convenient, saving both the time and effort of using the county's facilities while producing usable compost. More information about home composting will be available at the annual Dunn Arbor Day Celebration and Potluck. Information is also available in this issue of the recycling guide, at local libraries, and garden and hardware stores, or from the county. For more information on the county compost sites, call the County Compost Hotline at 267-1502 or Al Czecholinski at 266-4139.

How to recycle used oil

DO use a dirt-free pan that can hold as many quarts as your car's crankcase and that has *not* been used for paint, cleaning solvents, antifreeze or anything besides motor oil.

DO drain the old oil filter by punching a hole in the top and inverting it over your drain pan. Dispose of the old filter by putting some paper towels over the hole. Put the old filter and paper towels in the box the new filter came in and put the box in the trash.

DON'T put used oil in garbage bound for a landfill. The contamination in used oil can leak into groundwater or collect in the landfill drainage system where it must be pumped out and hauled to a sewage treatment plant. Running used oil through a landfill is an expensive process that wastes a valuable resource, could cause pollution and accomplishes nothing.

DON'T pour used oil down a drain. If the oil is poured down a drain that leads to a septic system, it can hinder or stop the biological processes that make the septic system work.

If the drain leads to a wastewater treatment plant, the oil could reduce plant efficiency, causing more contaminants to flow out of the plant's discharge pipes and into a nearby lake or stream. At its worst, oil clogs plant machinery and may cause an unscheduled shutdown. Repairs are an expensive and avoidable use of taxpayer dollars.

DON'T pour used oil into a storm sewer. Storm sewers lead directly to lakes, streams and wetlands where oil spoils habitat for fish and wildlife and interferes with swimming, boating and other recreation. Pouring oil down a storm sewer is illegal.

DON'T toss used oil on the driveway, street or ground. Such practices lead to reduced soil productivity and, through percolation and runoff, contaminate lakes, streams, wetlands and groundwater.

DON'T spread oil to suppress dust or kill weeds. These practices harm land and water resources.

DON'T dispose of oil in lakes, streams or wetlands. It's illegal and harmful to fish, wildlife and outdoor recreation.

DON'T burn oil outdoors. Burning oil in a backyard barrel can result in toxic smoke that contaminates the air you and others breathe.

DON'T mix oil with other things. Just a small amount of something else can cause the contents of an entire 200-gallon collection tank to be classified as a hazardous waste that has to be delivered to a special, expensive hazardous waste recycling or disposal facility. Do not add antifreeze, solvents or anything else to oil bound for recycling.

Do it right at the Dunn Transfer Site

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Brush—only brush and limbs for the burn pile. We cannot take stumps or lumber, but the county's Rodefild Landfill will take stumps.

Tires—we charge \$3 each and they must be removed from the rim. We do not take tractor or other oversize or balloon tires. Tires can also be taken to the Rodefild Landfill for 85¢ each, for auto tires only, or \$85.00 per ton prorated for all tires.

Appliances—Neither the town nor Rodefild Landfill take appliances, but several private recyclers do, and they are willing to pick them up for a small fee. Check the table on this page for other appliance recyclers.

Do you want paper or plastic bags?

Paper or plastic? That question is asked more and more frequently at grocery stores lately. The answer the Dane County Public Works Department and the town of Dunn encourage you to say is "neither." We would like to see everyone practicing "source reduction" by bringing your own cloth bags or reusing your old grocery bags.

While they are convenient, plastic shopping bags are the most common source of windblown debris at landfills. If you do use plastic bags, please attempt to recycle them. Area stores including Shopko, Kohl's and Cub Foods accept them at in-store recycling stations. The Madison Recycling Center accepts paper grocery bags, and the Williamson Street Grocery Cooperative accepts them for reuse by their customers.

	Hours	Aluminum	Other metals	Appliances	Glass	Newspapers	Mixed paper	Corrugated cardboard	HDPE & PETE plastics	Other plastics	Motor oil	Batteries	Tires	Grass, leaves, etc.	Stumps	Limbs	Clean wood
Dunn Transfer Site CTH B	Wed. 8am-4pm Apr-Nov Sat. 8am-4pm All Year	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓1		✓	✓2	✓		✓	✓
Rodefild Landfill Hwy 18 McFarland 838-9555	M-F 7am-3pm Sat. 8am-11am															✓3	
Dane County compost site Lake Farm Park Libby Rd.	M-W-F -S 7am-3:30pm Tu-Th 7am-10:30am																
Recycle Worlds 2701 Packers Ave. Madison, WI 53704 244-5451	M-F 9am-5pm Sat. 8am-4pm	✓	✓					✓				✓					
Madison Recycling Center 2200 Fish Hatchery Rd. Madison, WI 53713 251-2115	M-F 7:30am-5pm Sat. 8am-Noon	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓			✓					
Ben Heifitz, Inc. 1802 S. Park Street Madison, WI 53713 255-0960	M-F 7am-4:30pm Sat. Closed Sun. 7am-Noon		✓	✓4								✓					
Century Acres 3705 Hoepker Road Madison, WI 53704 241-3156	Call																✓
J&S Recycling and Surplus 214 N. Main Street Deerfield, WI 53531 764-5358	After May 1st Mon&Wed 9am-Noon 4-6pm Sat. 9-1pm	✓	✓	✓5	✓	✓		✓									
Samuels Recycling 4400 Sycamore Ave. Madison, WI 53714 241-1571	M-F 7:30am-3:30pm Sat. 7:30-Noon	✓	✓6	✓7	✓8	✓		✓	✓			✓					
Reynolds Aluminum Recycling 3029 Milwaukee Street Madison, WI 53714 241-5789	Stoughton at Paritda Wed., Fri., & Sat. 9am-2:30pm Milwaukee Street M-F 8am-5:30pm Sat. 8:30am-3:30pm	✓															
Sveverson Scrap Metals 1707 Moorland Road Madison, WI 53711 222-4604	M-Sat. 7:30am-4:30pm	✓	✓	✓9								✓					
Larry's Used Furniture 2898 S. Syene Rd. Fitchburg 271-8162	4-8pm weekdays 10am-6pm weekends Call ahead	✓	✓	✓10	✓							✓					

- 1 Collecting for recycling, but still looking for a buyer. Place in separate bin.
- 2 Charge of \$3 per tire.
- 3 Only until 1:30 pm.
- 4 Remove capacitors from appliances; condensers from refrigerators.
- 5 Call for pick-up charge.
- 6 Automobiles and farm equipment also taken.
- 7 No microwave ovens; freon and compressors must be removed from refrigerators and freezers; no appliances with capacitors.
- 8 Bottles and jars only.
- 9 \$15 charge for refrigerators and freezers with freon, other appliances no charge.
- 10 Call first; charge for refrigerators and freezers.



McFarland offers many senior outreach services

Town of Dunn older adults and people with disabilities are served by three senior centers, McFarland Outreach and Special Services, Oregon Area Senior Citizen Center, and Stoughton Area Senior Citizen Center. The town of Dunn contributes to each of the communities serving Dunn's older citizens through their senior programs or centers. In 1994 the town is contributing a total of \$22,786 to the three senior citizen centers. The amount paid to each was based on the units of services provided to Dunn citizens.

The next three newsletters will feature one of the centers. This issue will feature McFarland area senior programs and services. The McFarland area does not have a separate senior center so the senior programs and activities are held at the McFarland Village Hall at 5915 Milwaukee Street. The programs are coordinated by Director Susan Stumreiter.

The following is a list of some of the services and programs offered to the McFarland area older adults:

The McFarland Low Vision Support Group is becoming the **McFarland Low Vision Support and Information Group**, opening their monthly meetings to all interested area people. The group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. They gather at local restaurants for lunch and socializing in even-numbered months and have a featured speaker at the village hall in the odd-numbered months. This year the group has scheduled speakers on the Death with Dignity legislation, retired and senior volunteer programs, HospiceCare, Badger School for the Blind and McFarland EMS services.

The **RSVP Driver Escort Service**, which provides transportation for people 60 years of age and older, is a wonderful service that assists people in getting to their doctor's or dentist's appointments, grocery shopping or other places. Please do not call the escort service if you have a medical emergency. The drivers are volunteers who are not trained to handle emergency situations. Please call 911.

The **RSVP McFarland Sewing Group**, which organized last December, is turning out beautiful items for needy people in Dane County. The 15 members meet in the community room of Homestead Apartments on the first and third Fridays of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. They have already completed three colorful quilts, knitted caps and

mitten for children, and many scarves. If you are 55 or older, please consider becoming part of this fun and worthwhile group.

Food and nutrition programs include home-delivered food prepared at the high school and delivered by Lioness Club volunteers. For more information, call Evie Breitenbach at 838-9841. Monona Meadows has a McFarland group lunch every Thursday. For more information, call 222-4571. For information on McFarland's food pantry, call 838-3184, and for information on the commodities program, call Larry Chatham at 838-8282.

"Older Adults Taking Charge" is a series of programs featuring guest speakers held at the village hall on the third Thursday of the month. Call 838-3154 for the schedule. McFarland Outreach Services also coordinates intergenerational programs in the McFarland schools and MATC classes for older adults. If you are interested in either of these programs, call 838-3154.

For help with home and yard chores, join the Joint McFarland Schools/Village Program, which provides supervised volunteer student help. For more information, call 838-3154.

Several health programs are coordinated by McFarland Outreach Services. Blood pressure screening is available at the village hall, 1-2 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of odd-numbered months. Foot care is available at several locations in McFarland. Contact Susan Stumreiter for locations and times. McFarland also operates a health care loan closet. Call 838-3154 for more information.

The **McFarland Senior Citizen Group** meets at the village hall. They have a potluck lunch with euchre at noon on second Thursdays, a card party at 7:30 p.m. on third Fridays, and bingo at 1:00 p.m. on fourth Thursdays. They also organize day trips. For more information, contact Sara Wealt, 838-3750.

Swimming for seniors is held at the McFarland High School pool. Call Kay Heiser, 838-3168, for current times and costs. **Senior bowling** is available at Spartan Bowl, 9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Friday.

McFarland Outreach Services also provides information and referrals for other area services available to seniors, from flu shots to income tax help. Contact Susan Stumreiter at 838-3154 for information on the many programs available to you.

Spring events planned at other area senior centers

All Seniors

The Dane County 1994 Senior Olympic Games will be held June 6-15 at sites throughout Dane County. Events this year are: biking, bowling, golf, tennis, swimming, track and field, walking, softball/basketball throws, horseshoes, darts, archery, trap shooting, pool, table tennis, darts, card games and adapted events for people with disabilities.

During the course of the week there will also be a Big Band Dance, an "Olympic Round-Up" dinner with line dancing, and a lasagna dinner. McFarland will host the track and field events and the basketball shoot and the softball throw. The bowling events will be held at the Spartan Bowl in McFarland.

The games are open to anyone 55 years of age or older. Call your local area senior center for a registration form.

Stoughton Area Senior Citizen Services

April 9 was moving day for the Area Senior Center, as they moved into their new home in the former First Federal building, 248 W. Main Street. There will be an open house on April 17 to show off the new facility, and another during the Annual Syttende Mai Pancake Breakfast and Fiddlers' Show.

The Stoughton senior center will be offering a mature drivers' course in June or July. They will also host a 10-day tour of the alps, including Switzerland, Germany and Austria in October. A genealogy class will be held at the center on Wednesday evenings in May. Other MATC classes are held regularly at the center.

Volunteer opportunities at the center include: helping in the kitchen (baking, serving, cooking up a storm), Meals on Wheels drivers for Tuesdays and Fridays and substitute drivers, cooking and waiting on tables for the pancake breakfast for Syttende Mai, staffing the center on Saturday mornings, staffing the reception desk, and the Friendly Visitor Program.

For more information on the Stoughton Area Senior Center's programs, or to receive their monthly newsletter SCAN, call the center at 873-8585.

Oregon Area Senior Center

The Oregon Senior Center will host a (mild) chili supper, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., April 21 to raise funds for their Adult Day Care Program. A jazz band will play, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Rolling Meadows, an independent living development for seniors, will have an Open House April 16 and 17, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Both the Savannah and Meadow style units will be available for viewing. For more information, call 835-7713 or 835-3961.

Evelyn Leslie is organizing a trip to the Zor Shrine Concert Band presentation of "Music of the West", Saturday, April 30, 7:30 p.m. For more information, call her at 835-9754.

For more information on the many programs offered by the Oregon Area Senior Center, or to receive their newsletter, call the center at 835-7100 or 835-5801.

Permits are required for lake and wetland filling

Homeowners adjacent to DNR office to contact is the Dunn's lakes and wetlands should Southern District Office, 3911 be aware of state and federal laws Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, regarding dredging and filling in WI 53711. The Water District and near lakes and wetlands. If Coordinator may be reached by you are contemplating dredging calling 275-3266. At the federal, or filling activities of any kind in level contact Ben Wopat (612) any waters or wetlands in the 220-0376 or William Goetz (612) state you should contact the Wisconsin Department of Natural 725-7541 at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, Resources and U.S. Army Corps 1421 U.S. Post Office and Counselors of Engineers so that you can be tom House, St. Paul, MN 55101- advised of the regulations. The 9808.

Don't miss the Arbor Day Potluck on April 29th

'Home, Home on the Loan' and more great classics

If the soil in your yard could talk, what do you think it would say? Did you know that more organisms, by weight, live in the soil than there are cows in an average pasture?

You can find the answers to all kinds of soil(ed) questions, learn the words to the Wisconsin State Soil Song, or be piqued by the interesting facets of soil trivia offered by Professor Emeritus Francis Hole at the town of Dunn's Annual Arbor Day Potluck, Friday, April 29.

Whether your age is 8 or 80, you're guaranteed to enjoy Prof. Hole's fiddling, storytelling and 'infotainment.' You will even have an opportunity to sing along with well-known classics like "Oh, give me a home on a deep

mellow loan", "You are my soil, my only soil," "Soils all over these lands", or "Where have all the bedrocks gone?"

The annual potluck is open to everyone. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. All you need to bring is a dish to share and your own plates and silverware. The parks commission will have plenty of milk, coffee, water and pop on hand.

Professor Hole's "infotainment" presentation will begin promptly at 7 p.m. and the annual Arbor Day Stewardship Award presentation will start at 7:45 p.m.

This is a family event, so be sure to bring the children as well as grandma and grandpa.

Announcements

Dunn Farmers' Market to Open Next Month

The Dunn Farmers' Market will be open on Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. starting in May. The market is held in the town hall parking lot and anyone with home-grown fresh produce or hand-crafted goods is welcome to join in. Watch for the Dunn Farmer's Market sign in front of the town hall as your signal that the market is open.

Oregon Rotary Bike Ride Spins through area

On June 4th, the Oregon Rotary will have its 4th annual "Ride the Oregon Trail" bike ride. The ride highlights old stagecoach routes and railroad depot towns, and includes a t-shirt and a guide to area history. The routes wind through southern Dane County and northern Rock and Green Counties. Proceeds provide scholarships for area youths attending vocational schools. Costs are \$12 in advance, \$15 the day of the ride for adults, \$8 for full-time students. For more information, call Arlan Kay, at 835-5882.

Mandt Community Center seeks Donations

The Stoughton Junior Fair Association and the Stoughton Youth Hockey Association are still accepting donations for the new community center in Stoughton. The center will cost \$1.1 million and is almost completed in Mandt Park (the Stoughton Junior Fair Grounds). The city of Stoughton has backed a \$550,000 loan for the center. The new center will be used year 'round as an exhibition and concert hall and ice arena. Questions about the center can be directed to Jerry Furseh, 873-9817, or Jerry King, 873-7135. Donations can be mailed to Mandt Community Center, Inc., P.O. Box 119, Stoughton, WI 53589.

Nuisance Ordinance to be Reviewed

The Dunn Town Board will hold a special public hearing May 10 to take comments regarding a proposed nuisance ordinance that will help curtail objectionable backyard burning. The town has received several complaints this spring regarding residents burning garbage, including plastics and diapers, in burn barrels.

Cemetery Lots Available Soon

The town board has set the price of cemetery lots in the Dunn Burying Ground expansion at \$450 per lot, the same rate charged in Oregon's Prairie Mound Cemetery. Lots are set to go on sale this summer after the grounds have been landscaped and seeded, and a cemetery ordinance has been adopted.

Help to Prevent Purple Loosestrife from Spreading

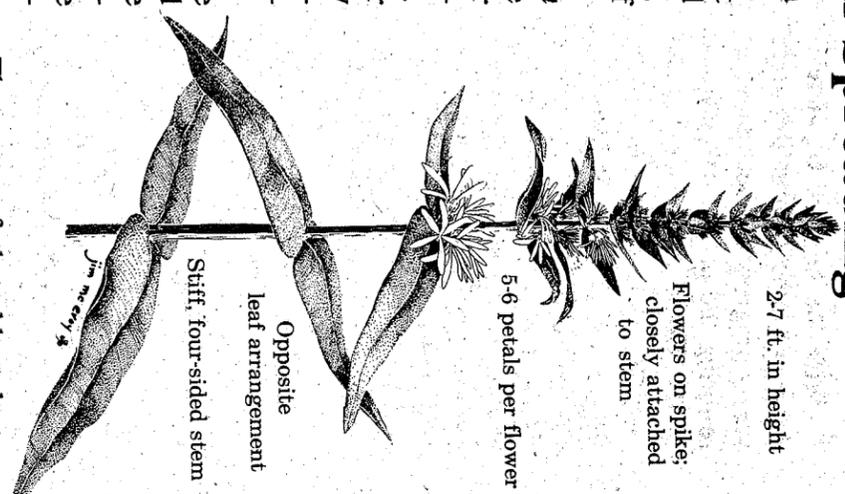
Although not considered a noxious weed by state statutes, purple loosestrife is a plant that should be treated as one and destroyed, says Rich Henderson, botanist with the Department of Natural Resources.

Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) is a highly aggressive plant that is rapidly taking over wetlands in Dane County, southern Wisconsin and the Midwest. Loosestrife chokes out other wetland plants that support many birds and mammals, and it provides little food benefit to wildlife.

Native to Europe, purple loosestrife is well established and a serious problem throughout the northeastern United States. Because it is attractive, purple loosestrife has been widely distributed for use in flower gardens. Unfortunately, it has the capability to survive in the wild. It is found mainly in shallow wetlands and ditches or other areas with wet soils. In small quantities, young plants can be pulled by hand and older ones carefully dug.

The roots of the older plants will resprout if they are broken, so extra care must be taken in removing the plant.

Please contact Rich Henderson at 275-3214 to report any sighting of plants or for more information about destroying the plants.



Buy weather radios at town hall

Weather alert radios bring emergency weather warning messages into your home at any time of the day or night. They can help you gain an early notice of the threat of severe weather. These receivers are tuned to the National Weather Service broadcasts from Truax Field, including local forecasts, storm warnings, traveler's advisories and other potentially dangerous weather situations 24 hours a day. They can give you the latest forecast at the push of a button, and have an alarm that sounds automatically when severe weather threatens.

These desktop radios are especially helpful during the summer tornado season, when homeowners are indoors during hot and muggy weather with the air conditioning running and can't hear the outdoor sirens. They have a battery backup system so they can be useful while camping as well as when there is a power failure.

Dunn and the McFarland EMS are selling the radios, made by Maxon, at cost, \$31.00. To purchase one, stop at the town hall or contact the McFarland EMS at 838-3152, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

How Dunn's Taxes Compare with Its Neighbors

	Local tax on \$100,000 home	1993 mill rate	Assessment ratio (%)
Town of Oregon	\$275	2.7	102
Village of Oregon	\$578	7.02	82.39
Blooming Grove	\$317	3.82	83
Dunkirk	\$136	1.36	100
Rutland	\$292	2.82	103.7
Pleasant Springs	\$170	2.05	83
McFarland	\$556	6.95	80
Stoughton	\$551	5.55	99.26
Fitchburg	\$449	4.59	97.9
Windsor	\$225	2.4	94
Dunn	\$158	1.85	85.7

Hook Lake Preserve is growing

by Michael Foy, DNR Wildlife Biologist

With the help of Dunn residents and others from the area, steady progress has been made in restoring the prairie oak savanna in the Hook Lake Wildlife and Natural Area. Including a recent land acquisition, the project now encompasses more than 670 acres. This land is open to the public for hiking, bird watching, hunting, skiing and other outdoor recreation. Representative Spencer Black invited Oregon High School agriculture students to Hook Lake last fall to celebrate the progress of the state Stewardship Land Acquisition Program.

Much work has already been done. To begin savanna restoration, more than 2400 oak seedlings were planted in the fall of 1992. We tried transplanting some larger trees last spring, and so far, they seem to be doing fine. On April 20th, in celebration of Earth Week, area school children will plant additional oaks under the sponsorship of the Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group.

With the farming skill of Jim and Dave Lunde, and numerous volunteers, nearly 135 acres have been planted to prairie grasses and wildflowers so far. Another 15 acres are scheduled this spring. This will be the third growing season for some of these fields, and we are planning prescribed burns this month in anticipation of many of the wildflowers blooming for the first

time this summer. Watch for their beautiful display!

I had the pleasure of working at Hook Lake with McFarland residents Bob and Karen McCallister last year. The McCallisters volunteered to "adopt" a new prairie planting and help it along by controlling weeds until the new seeding gets established. Their work was invaluable! If you would like to help out as a volunteer steward, give me a call at 273-6275.

Spring Prescribed Burns

Spring is the time we burn to maintain wildlife habitat. Marshes, grasslands and savannas benefit from occasional burns to remove duff, release nutrients, and stimulate flowering. In Dunn Township, we have already burned 30 acres on the east side of Mud Lake and plan to do more this month. We also have three burns planned for the Hook Lake property. We will do our best to manage the smoke so that it causes as little inconvenience as possible. Thank you in advance for your tolerance!

Public Ownership vs. Private Ownership of Land:

Who pays the tax burden?

by Roz Gausman, Clerk-Treasurer

Prior to 1992, property purchased by the state was removed from the tax roll, but the town received some compensation for the lost taxes through a program called Payment for Municipal Services. The primary purpose of the PMS program is to make an equitable annual payment to municipalities for services provided to the state-owned facilities (Statute 70.113). The intent is to aid in the reduction of local property taxes by making a state contribution toward the municipal services financed out of local property tax revenues. This program still applies to land purchased before January 1, 1992.

State-owned property purchased after January 1, 1992, falls under Statute 70.114, which provides for the taxing jurisdictions to receive a Payment in Lieu of Tax check. This program is designed to replace local property taxes *dollar for dollar*. The amount of aid is determined by multiplying each parcel's estimated value, equated to the average level of assessment in the tax district, by the net general property tax rates that would apply to the parcel if it were taxable.

There is also a Federal Aid in Lieu of Tax program to reimburse the town for services provided to federal-owned property using local tax revenues. In 1993 the total aid in lieu of taxes received by the town from the state and federal governments combined was \$20,127.

Government Representatives

U.S. Senators
 Russ Feingold, 502 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-4904 (202-224-5323)
 8383 Greenway Blvd., Middleton, WI 53562 (828-1200)

Herb Kohl, 330 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-4903 (202-224-5653)
 14 W. Mifflin St. Suite 312, Madison, WI 53703 (264-5338)

U.S. Representative — 2nd District
 Scott Klug, 1224 Longworth House, Washington, DC 20515
 16 N. Carroll Street, Madison, WI 53703 (264-5206)

Plan to help in the Roadside Cleanup this Saturday

The Dunn annual Roadside Cleanup, sponsored by the Parks Commission, will be held this Saturday, April 16. The rain date is the following Saturday, April 23.

If you aren't familiar with this annual event, here's a bit of the background: Typically parks commission members are at the polls on election day and they ask residents to sign up to help pick up trash along a stretch of road near their home. A lot of people sign up on election day, but we can always use more. If you have time this week, stop at the town hall to pick up a bright orange trash bag and add your name to the sign-up board so others know which street you're working on.

If you don't have time to stop at the town hall, just use your own bag and join in on Saturday. Roadside trash has a distinctive

look to it, so even if you don't have a bright orange bag, the attendant at the Dunn Transfer Site will know it's roadside trash. Bring the trash in at about 3 p.m. so you can enjoy some of the cookies and pop the parks commission will be serving. And best of all, you won't have to pay to drop off your roadside trash. The Dunn Transfer Site is located off County Highway B, just east of Keenan Road.

Don't feel limited to just filling one bag. If you'd like, fill two or bring your pickup truck and fill that — as long as all you bring is roadside trash, we will take it for free!

Helping clean up our roadsides is a great family, scout, 4H, or neighborhood project. Do your part this year by filling up a garbage bag or pickup truck with roadside debris and recyclables from along town roads.



PLANTS WANTED

for Town of Dunn Buying Ground new addition

* dividing your perennials?
 * like to donate a memorial tree or shrub?

HARDY plants, bulbs, shrubs and trees (especially older varieties) gratefully accepted. Suggestions: peonies, hardy shrub or hedge roses, flowering trees, forsythia, lilacs, sun-loving perennials.

Planting to start after seeding, when weather permits.
 PLEASE CONTACT TOWNHALL

Protect your family from severe weather

Severe weather, whether it is a tornado or a thunderstorm, is something we can experience almost all year 'round in Wisconsin. On June 17, 1992, we learned just how dangerous tornadoes can be. We also learned that there are a lot of precautions we can take to avoid being hurt or injured by tornados or other forms of severe weather.

During the spring and summer months severe weather conditions often develop when warm, moist air encounters cooler dry air. This can cause gusty winds, heavy rain, lightning, hail or tornados. When conditions are right for severe weather to occur, the National Weather Service office in Madison will issue a watch or a warning.

A watch simply means that conditions are favorable for the development of that particular kind of severe weather. Hence, we could have a severe thunderstorm watch, which would mean that the conditions are favorable for a severe thunderstorm to develop.

A warning means that the severe weather is occurring. In the case of a tornado, it means that one has been sighted.

Dane County has a tornado warning siren network that will sound a steady siren blast for at

least three minutes. When you hear this warning it means that a tornado has been sighted and you should take cover immediately.

There is no all-clear signal to let you know when the danger has passed, but that information is available from the radio, television or National Weather Service bulletins.

If your home isn't located near a siren, weather alert radios, which are tuned to the National Weather Service office at Triax Field, are a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information about severe weather. Most weather radios send an alert sound to indicate that a severe weather warning has been issued.

Tornado Safety Tips

Remember that most tornado damage is caused by the violent winds and that most injuries are caused by flying debris. When a tornado threatens, seek shelter immediately; stay away from windows, doors, and outside walls and be sure to protect your head.

In homes and small buildings: Go to the basement or to an interior part on the lowest level, such as a closet, bathroom or interior hall. Get under something sturdy and don't leave the

building until the storm has passed.

In schools, institutional buildings or shopping centers: Go to a pre-designated shelter area. Interior hallways on the lowest floor are usually the best. Avoid auditoriums, gymnasiums, or other structures with wide, free-span roofs.

In vehicles or mobile homes: Leave them and go to a substantial structure. If there is no shelter nearby, lie flat in the nearest ditch, ravine or culvert with your hands shielding your head.

In open country: Lie flat in the nearest ditch or ravine with your hands shielding your head.

On open water: If the weather looks threatening, head to shore immediately. If you are caught in a storm, head the bow of the boat into the waves to prevent capsizing. If you do capsize, stay with your boat.

Severe Thunderstorm Safety Tips

For a thunderstorm to be considered severe, it must produce one of the following: wind gusts in excess of 58 mph, $\frac{3}{4}$ " or larger hail, or tornados. Additional dangers with thunderstorms are lightning, which can injure or kill and start fires, and flash floods from heavy downpours.

Stay indoors or get indoors or

in a vehicle with an all-metal roof. If you can't reach a safe place, remember these tips:

- in a forested area, look for a low area under a thick growth of small trees; in the open, look for a low place like a ravine or valley — but be alert for flash floods.
- avoid tall, isolated trees in an open area — they make natural lightning rods.
- get out of and away from open water.
- get away from tractors and other metal equipment, such as motorcycles and golf carts.
- metal objects can carry lightning for long distances — avoid wire fences and clotheslines and metal pipes and rails.
- avoid small, isolated sheds
- if you feel your hair stand on end, indicating that lightning is about to strike, drop to your knees and bend forward with your hands on your knees — **do not lie flat!**

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Arbor Day Potluck Dinner

April 29, 1994, at the Dunn Town Hall

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Bring a dish to share, and your own plate and silverware

Entertainment at 7:00 p.m. with Francis Hole, Professor Emeritus of Soil Science

Awards Presentation at 7:45 p.m.

Don't miss Prof. Hole's "infotainment" and fiddle playing fun. Learn about the soil you walk on everyday.

Listen to Prof. Hole's tales of the soil. Learn to sing the Antigo Silt Loam Song as Prof. Hole plays his fiddle. Prof. Hole's "infotainment" is for the whole family, so be sure to bring the kids and Grandpa and Grandma!

