

TURF TWISTERS

NOW YOU WISH YOU HADN'T

Question: Is activated charcoal still the best material to apply to try to neutralize the effects of chemicals perhaps overdosed onto a green? (Conn.)

Answer: At present, yes it is, but remember, activated charcoal does not neutralize every incorrectly applied chemical, but rather it is most effective on pre-emergence herbicides.

To avoid a mess if ever you have to apply it, spray it on using a sprayer with good agitating action. Cycloning or using a drop spreader to apply it, besides being messy, usually results in poor distribution of this lightweight and fine material.

CAGE THAT TREE

Question: I have trees near by lakes being debarked by beavers and/or nutria. Have you an idea how best to protect the trees and still keep the wildlife? (Texas)

Answer: The best protection we have seen and can suggest is heavy gauge wire formed into a cage around the base of the trees extending about 40 inches up the bole of the tree.

NOW YOU SEE IT — NOW YOU DON'T

Question: There are numerous guidelines telling what you cannot do with used pesticide containers, but there is an increasing problem in finding ways to dispose of them. Any ideas? (Hawaii)

Answer: The Du Pont Company may have come up with the answer. Any restricted pesticide in wettable powder form may be sealed in a water-soluble package. This package is simply dropped into the spray tank after removing it from its protective outer container. The soluble packages come in ½-, 2- and 10-pound sizes. Voila! There is no exposure to the chemical during filling or mixing and the outer container has never been in contact with the pesticide.