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THE POND PAPER

Another way to make you POND WISER, LAWN WISER and HOME WISER

*"Summer is kinda like the ultimate one-night stand: hot as hell, totally thrilling, and gone before you know it."*

*~Cosmopolitan*

## Pond Wiser

One of the biggest mistakes people make when doing a pond installation is figuring the correct size of rubber membrane liner that they need for the size of pond they are installing. If you are a "DIYer", here is a formula to help you make sure you purchase enough liner that allows for overlapping. There should always be extra around the edges to allow for ground shift. This way you can avoid leaks, but if you do still encounter a leak, there is plenty of extra liner to use when doing a re-configuration. The formula is:

Length + 2x depth + 4 ft. x Width + 2x depth + 4 ft.= the square footage of your pond and the liner that will be required.

## Lawn Wiser

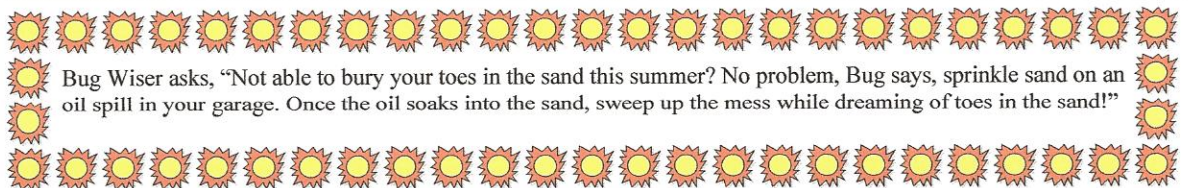
Do you have small, brown, or purple spots on your leaves of grass? If so, you might possibly have Leaf Spot. Leaf Spot loves cool, moist, cloudy weather which makes this spring a perfect environment for this turfgrass disease to flourish.

Another disease, Red Thread, favors prolonged periods of dampness. We've certainly had that. To spot Red Thread, look for small, round, pinkish spots in your lawn and pinkish-red threads sticking out of the blade of grass.

There are also a few diseases called Patch Diseases that favor cool, wet weather. Patch diseases usually begin as round yellow patches, that later turn brown and have green weeds/grass in the center.

## Home Wiser

Say goodbye to Freon, the ozone-depleting refrigerant in your air conditioners. There is a new legislation limiting the amount of Freon available in the manufacturing and maintenance of air conditioners. If you are in the market for replacing your AC this summer, you may want to stay away from the ones using Freon, even if the sale price seems like a steal. The maintenance costs may eat up any savings and not be such a bargain in the long run.



Bug Wiser asks, "Not able to bury your toes in the sand this summer? No problem, Bug says, sprinkle sand on an oil spill in your garage. Once the oil soaks into the sand, sweep up the mess while dreaming of toes in the sand!"

