

## C. Landscape

We all like to live in attractive surroundings, and with a little work, our grounds can have a "well-dressed" appearance. Lawn care equipment is available for both your lawn and the landscaped areas around the Co-op site.

### Grass Care

- Spring - remove all leaves, twigs, and other debris as they smother the grass
- the first cutting should be shorter than any following cutting
- cutting should be 3/4" to 1" to promote root development
- General - other than in the Spring, only mow the lawn when it is tall enough to bend slightly (1"-2")
- cut about 1/2" of grass blade
- Watering - soak the soil deeply and not again until the top few inches of soil begin to dry out. This will encourage strong root growth and discourage weeds.

### Planting Beds

- fertilize in the Fall
- turn and keep weeded from May through October
- make sure beds are kept edged for a neat, clean appearance
- when turning the beds, turn the shovel full of earth on its side, not completely over. This allows air and water to penetrate the soil.

If proper care and attention is given to the landscaping, the plants and trees will have a strong, healthy, start and this will result in less weeding, less replacement and a flourishing Co-op.

During the winter, the Co-op will look after snow cleaning on the parking lot and driveways. Members in "A" and "B" units are expected to keep the steps and walkways in front of their unit clear of snow.

Throughout the year we can all help by picking up litter.

**If you have any skills or like to putter in the house and/or garden, please volunteer your services to the Gardening Club. A Co-op only works for you if you work for it!**