

End-of-Season Lawn and Garden Restoration

(MS) — There are fewer pleasures greater than a beautiful garden, especially during the months when you can almost live outside. The investment in garden plants, tools, furniture, ornaments and pots is considerable, but worth it.

However, by summer's end, heat, humidity and wear and tear from constant usage have taken their toll, and you are faced with cracks, leaks and other damage to your backyard utopia.

The good news is that you may not have to replace everything. Most of the problems can be solved quickly and easily with an inexpensive tube of adhesives. The key to success is to use the correct adhesive for the material to be repaired.

Dr. Omar Tiba, product and development leader for Eclectic Products, Inc. a manufacturer of adhesive products, shares these tips for choosing the right adhesive for your lawn and garden repair projects:

1. Any materials, like canvas umbrellas or rubber hoses which are not rigid, need an adhesive that remains flexible after drying or the adhesive will just crack or chip off.

2. Use an adhesive that can withstand contraction and expansion caused by temperature fluctuations — important when repairing ceramic pots, mosaic tile tables, and garden ornaments.

3. Use an adhesive that is waterproof and UV-resistant when repairing cracked hoses, plastic pools, or other outdoor objects exposed to the elements.

4. When joining two different substances together (like metal trowel to wooden handle), they may not have the same drying time. "Choose an adhesive that can allow for the variance of drying time between the two materials or the bond may fail," says Dr. Tiba.

So don't throw away the casualties of summer fun. Save money by making a few simple repairs with the right adhesive for the job.

STUCK WITH DOZENS OF GLUES?

How do you choose the right adhesive from literally hundreds of types of glue? Some work well on only one or two materials, and some won't withstand outdoor exposure, and some just won't permanently bond two different materials together.

Dr. Tiba suggests that your best bet for



Weather and wear and tear can take a toll on your garden accessories, tools and furniture. But with the right adhesive, you may not have to replace everything.

most repairs is a versatile, strong, one-part adhesive that dries to a rubbery, flexible, waterproof finish, like Amazing GOOP® by Eclectic Products.

Amazing GOOP® Lawn & Garden, like all of the Amazing GOOP adhesives, is one of the strongest one-part adhesives available. It will easily repair, mend, seal and permanently bond two different materials. There's nothing to mix, and it's easy to apply right out of the tube. This adhesive will not break or crack under pressure because it dries to a flexible, rubbery finish.

TIPS FOR FOOLPROOF REPAIRS USING ONE-PART ADHESIVES

1. Read all directions and use in a well-ventilated area.

2. Surface should be clean, dry and free of dirt. For best results, roughen surface before use. Best when used between 50 F and 90 F.

3. Apply the adhesive directly to each surface to be bonded or repaired. Important: Allow to partially cure, two to 10 minutes, before bringing surfaces together.

4. Allow the repair to dry for 24 to 72 hours.

So, don't empty your wallet; empty your fall fix-up jar by using Amazing GOOP Lawn & Garden adhesive or one of their nine other varieties of Amazing GOOP. It is an adhesive that "Glues whatever. Bonds Forever."

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