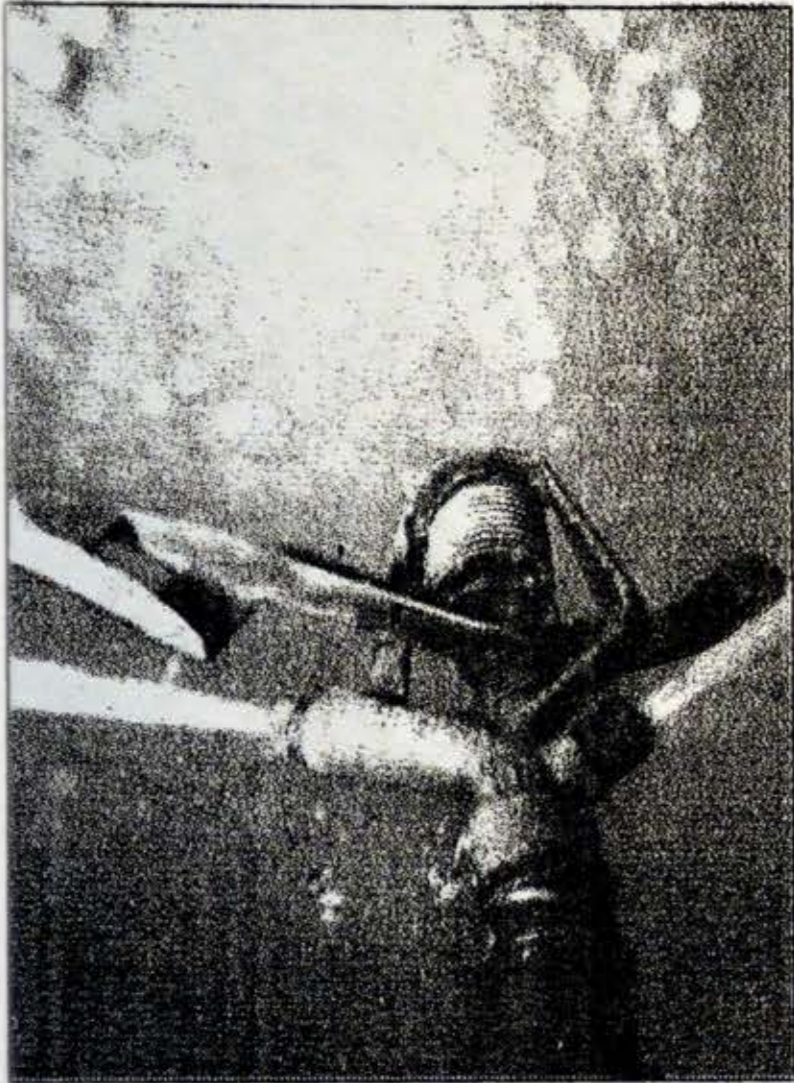


Underground sprinkling systems can save time



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Some homeowners find it relaxing to water their flower beds manually, the flowing water lulling them into a daydream state. As for watering the lawn, it's not a big deal to unwind the hose and move the sprinkler as needed.

But for others, there's nothing relaxing about watering flowers. Hauling the hose and sprinkler around from one spot in the yard to the next is too much work, and it eats up time that would be better spent on some other chore.

For them, in-ground irrigation is the way to go.

"It's nice, because it's low mainte-

nance," says Nick DeFazio, head of the Irrigation Division of Precision Corp. (precisioncorporation.com) in North Royalton.

You don't need a sprawling landscape to justify an in-ground system.

"We've installed irrigation for flower beds in small spaces in Cleveland Heights and Parma," DeFazio says, adding that they install for landscapes of all acreage, including sports fields.

Says Paul Salupo of Salupo Lawn Sprinkling in Medina, "Seventy-five percent of our business is cluster homes, condos and homes on about a half-acre of land." But his company also can install a system for large properties.

In-ground sprinkler systems allow

control over where, when and how water is applied. If the system is on a timer, you don't even have to be home, which is perfect for homeowners who travel a lot. These systems also are perfect for homeowners in the habit of setting up a sprinkler, going indoors and remembering a few hours later that the water is on.

Many lawn specialists recommend that grass be watered very early in the morning. An in-ground system on a timer is perfect for that if you don't want to get up and water at 5 a.m.

Specialists say in-ground systems, particularly those on a timer, save on your water bill because they make it easier to control how much water is dispersed.

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