# ORGANIZE! YOUR PLANTS, YARD & GARDEN

The ORGANIZE! YOUR PLANTS format is designed to help you keep track of the plants you have, where they are located, their characteristics, the care they require, and how they are propagated. It is ideal for maintaining an easy-to-update record of what you have in your yard, garden or greenhouse.

The catalog name for default catalog is: PLANTS

The following are descriptions of what each line was designed to catalog. You are not limited to this information. You can enter anything on any line and ORGANIZE! Your Plants will be able to conduct correct searches and sorts. The number in parenthesis shows the number of spaces available on that line.

TYPE (20) - Enter a word or short phrase that describes the general category this plant is in. Typical types would be: tree, shrub, hedge, roses, bulb, water plant, fern, bonsai, herb, etc.

COMMON NAME (20) - Use this line for the common name of the plant. Some examples of common names for some well know annuals are: carnation, dusty miller and marigold.

BOTANICAL NAME (30) - The botanical names for the three annuals listed above are: Dianthus caryophyllus, Senecio cineraria and Tagetes tenuifolia pumila.

VARIETY (30) - This line is used for either the species name or variety name of the plant.

DESCRIPTION (64) - Use this line for a short description of the plant's characteristics. There are lines available for describing the size, flowers and color, so use this line for describing other characteristics of the plant. Keep in mind that a full screen memo is available (push PgDn) for a detailed description, so just put keywords or a short description of the most important characteristics (you would most likely be searching for in the future) on this line.

LOCATION (64) - Describe where this plant is located. For landscaping be sure your description of the location is detailed enough so that you will know what it means in 5 or 6 years. Do not tie the location of a plant to a object that might be relocated in a few years. Specify approximate distances (and directions, eg.

north, south, south-east, etc.) from permanent objects such as the corner of a building or the boundary of your property.

SIZE (20) - Enter the fully grown height and spread (when appropriate) of this plant.

FLOWERS (40) - If this is a flowering plant put a short description of the flowers and the time of year when they appear.  If you want to have a detailed description of the flowers, use the full screen memo.

COLOR (40) - Enter the color of the flowers.  If this plant is not a flowering plant, you can use this line for recording any other colors such as fall leave colors, bark color, etc.

CARE (2 lines of 60 characters each) - Describe the care the plant requires.  The next two lines also cover care instructions for light and watering, but all other care instructions should go on these two lines.  Key information about such subjects as fertilizing, insect sprays, aerating, potting, temperatures, etc. should be entered here.

LIGHT (20) - Use this line to describe the amount of light this plant should receive.

WATERING (20 - Describe the frequency and amount of water this plant requires.

GROWTH RECORD (30) - If you'd like to keep track of how well this plant is progressing, use this line to keep a growth record.  For example, for a tree you might record its height for the past five years.

NOTE/RATING (40) - This line is provided for miscellaneous notes and for cataloging the rating assigned by a society (if applicable).  For example, the American Rhododendron Society assigns ratings that indicate the overall quality of each type of rhododendron.  It is a two part number such as 2/5.  The first number shows the quality of the flower (on a scale of one to five) and the second number refers to the rest of the plant (also on a scale of one to five).

PROPAGATION (64) - Describe how this plant propagates and any care it requires to help it propagate.  For example, "divide bulbs when the become crowded."

PROBLEMS (64) - Describe any problems you have had with this plant and how the problem was successfully resolved.  If this plant has

had serious problems, you may want to put the details on the memo screen.  A typical entry on this line might be: "aphids, spray with malathion every spring."

WHEN PLANTED (20) - For trees and shrubs entering the year is appropriate.  For annuals and biennials I'd suggest entering the month you normally plant them.  For vegetables, enter the month you normally plant them.

PLANTING (64) - A brief description of the planting instructions.  More detailed planting instructions can be entered on the memo screen or you can use this line to refer to a specific page in a book or notebook.

PURCHASED (50) - From whom did you purchase these plants and in some cases it might be appropriate to enter the date they were purchased.

COMMENT (64) - This line is used for miscellaneous information or comments.  As with any of the other lines you can change the title of this line and use it for anything you wish.


Overall the design of the above categories has been very generic in nature in order to make this software appropriate for a wide variety of plants.  Everyone has different requirements and you may need to change the names of some of the lines to adapt this software to meet your specific needs.  At HomeCraft we are always working to make our software better and we hope to have a more flexible version, with user definable line lengths, available later in 1992.  So if this software does not do exactly what you need, please contact us for information about new releases.