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How To Repair A Leaking Garden Hose

The next time you use your garden hose to wash your car or water the lawn and find that you are getting watered as much as the grass, it's time to check your hose for holes. Don't throw out the hose just because of a few sprinkle holes. Fix it. That's why you bought this book!

Utensils

Pocketknife

Hammer

Shallow dish of hot water (for plastic hose)

Ingredients

2 tubes epoxy glue, 1 hardener, 1 adhesive

Proper size hose coupling

Hose coupling washers

Approximate Time: 15 To 20 Minutes Per Coupling

1. Cut away section of hose in need of repair (Fig. 96A).
2. Take cutaway section to hardware store to match up couplings, whether male, female, or joint couplings.
3. Mix small amount of epoxy glue as directed on package.
4. Smear glue onto corrugated end of coupling (Fig. 96B).
5. Insert corrugated end of coupling into hose. See Figure 96B.
6. If hose is plastic, place ends of hose into hot water to soften, and then insert coupling (Fig. 96C).
7. Hammer down fingers or clamps all the way around hose, tapping gently until secure (Fig. 96D and 96E), allow glue to harden.
8. With female couplings, insert washer.
9. Hose may then be connected to hose bib valve or other female hose.

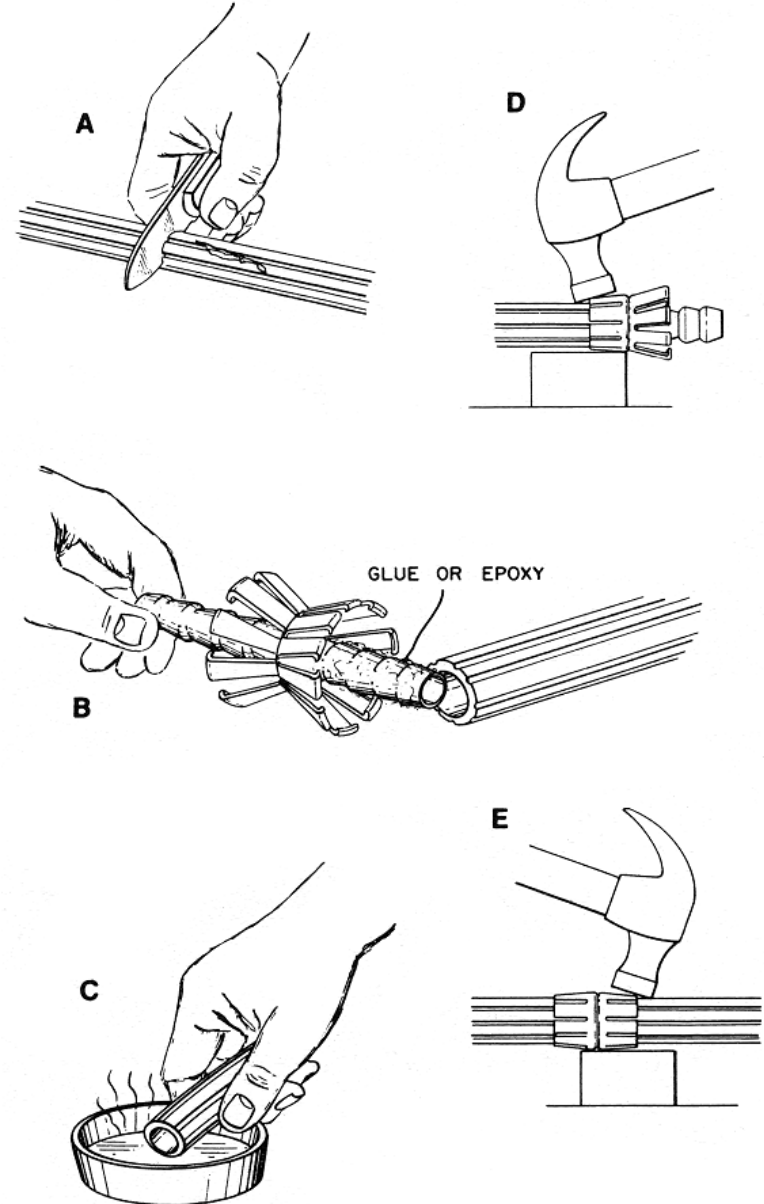


Figure 96.
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