

Top 10 Garden Tools

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1. Trowel:

A small hand held tool to move dirt

2. Bypass Hand Pruners: also known as 'secateurs'.

They are strong enough to prune hard branches of trees and shrubs, sometimes up to two centimeters thick

3. Soil Knife: (Hori-Hori)

A heavy serrated multi-purpose steel blade for gardening jobs such as digging or cutting. The blade is sharp on both sides and comes to a semi-sharp point at the end

4. Scuffle Hoe: also called action hoe, shuffle hoe, or Swiss hoe

Used to scrape the surface of the soil, and to loosen the top inch or so, and to cut the roots, remove, and disrupt the growth of weeds efficiently Can be used easily to pull back or push forward through the soil

5. Water Wand: with water breaker at end and shut off at handle

device screwed onto the end of a garden hose to reduce the pressure of the water without decreasing the volume

6. Loppers: I prefer the compound action type

Loppers are a type of scissors used for pruning twigs and small branches, like secateurs with very long handles. They are the largest type of manual garden cutting tool.

7. Pruning Saw: Be careful of the folding type :

Usually tapering straight or curved blade and either a closed or an open and sometimes folding handhold and that may or may not be attached to a pole.

8. Saw Tooth Shovel:

Great for getting through roots or working highly compacted soil

9. Soil Thermometer

10. Folding Kneeler/Stool