Know your Landscape Tools

Long handled Round Point Shovel
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D Handled Round Point Shovel
A versatile gardening tool, blade is slightly cured for scooping round end has a point for digging. Short D handle makes this an excellent choice where digging leverage is needed. Good for confined spaces.
Square Shovel

Used for scraping stubborn material off driveways and other hard surfaces. Good for moving small gravel, sand, and loose topsoil. Not a digging tool.

Hard Rake
Garden Rake

This bow rake is a multi-purpose tool. Good for loosening or breaking up compacted soil, spreading mulch or other material evenly and leveling areas before planting. It can also be used to collect hay, grass or other garden debris.

Leaf rake

Tines can be metal or plastic. It's ideal for fall leaf removal, thatching and removing lawn clippings or other garden debris. Tines have a spring to them, each moves individually.

Scoop Shovel
Grain Shovel

Has a wide aluminum or plastic blade that is attached to a short hardwood handle with "D" top. This shovel has been designed to offer a lighter tool that does not damage the grain. Is a giant dust pan for landscapers.
Edging spade
Used in digging and removing earth. It is suited for garden trench work and transplanting shrubs. Generally a 28-inch ash handle with D-grip and open-back blade allows the user to dig effectively. Tends to be heavy but great for bed edging.

Posthole digger
Used for digging deep narrow holes for fence posts, mailbox posts, and deck footing. Can be accomplished without bending over or straining your back.

Mattock
Is a versatile hand tool, used for digging and chopping, similar to the pickaxe. It has a long handle, and a stout head, which combines an axe blade and an adze (cutter mattock) or a pick and an adze (pick mattock).

Pick axe
A tool with a long stout handle at right angles to a curved iron or steel bar with a point at one end and a chisel or point at the other, used for breaking up hard ground or rock.

Trenching shovel
Generally a long thin blade with pronounced upturned side flanges. Used for digging trenches.
Pitchfork

Agricultural tool with a long handle and long, thin, widely separated pointed tines (also called prongs) used to lift and pitch (throw) loose material, such as hay or leaves.

Pitchforks typically have only three or four tines while manure forks have four or five.

Manure Fork

Agricultural tool with a long handle and long, thin, widely separated pointed tines (also called prongs) used to lift and pitch (throw) fine loose material such as mulch or manure.

Scoop fork

Much easier to dig into a pile of mulch than any shovel
Dump a scoop of mulch, turn the fork over and use it to spread the mulch evenly
Wide head is scooped to carry larger amounts of material

Great for cleaning up hay, straw, mower clippings, manure, leaves, piles of small branches and twigs, and other materials
Forged tines are very strong, yet have a slight amount of flex for ease of use
D-grip handle gives you greater leverage for heavier loads and a secure place to hold, so you won't lose the fork when you dump or throw the load
Garden Fork
Spading Fork

For loosening, lifting and turning over soil in the garden. It is used like a spade. Great for digging up potatoes and bulbs, where it lifts the bulb/ tuber but leaves the soil.

Corn broom

A cleaning tool consisting of stiff fibers attached to, and roughly parallel to, a cylindrical handle (broomstick). It is of brush with a long handle, used in combination with a dustpan. Used for smaller jobs.

Push Broom

A long-handled wide brush that is designed to be pushed and is used for sweeping large spaces. Is not to be pulled.

Half-moon edger

The half-moon edger was created for making crisp edges and is used much like a spade is. Edging sidewalks, garden beds, and driveways. Its sharp blade cuts through sod and soil easily. Step down firmly on the straight edge of the moon and rock the blade to the left and right to get the fullest cut. Labor intensive tool.
Snow shovel push

Often has a very wide side less blade that curves upward attached to a long handle. A variety of styles are available. Some are designed mostly for pushing the snow, others for lifting it. The blade can be metal or plastic, but the latter is used to offer a lighter tool.

Shovel the snow off the sidewalks, driveways, decks, patios, outdoor furniture, lawn and anywhere else you don't want snow.

Snow shovel

Tamp

Used to compact or flatten an aggregate or granular material, used to make it resistant to further compression/to increase its density. Used for hardscape installation.

Spud Bar

Usually 5 to 6 ft and weighs around 15 lbs. A long, straight metal bar used lengthwise as a hand tool to deliver blows to a target, causing the target to move, break up or deform. It can also be used as a lever to move objects.
Hose

A flexible tube used to move water. Made of synthetic rubber or soft plastic, reinforced with an internal web of fibers. Garden hoses are flexible and their smooth exterior facilitates pulling them past trees, posts and other obstacles. Hoses come in different diameters not all accessories will fit every hose.

Water Breaker

Like a shower head, allows a soft, aerated flow for watering plants, provides fast, full-flow watering without damage to your plants or disturbing soil.

Shut-off

Turns off the water away from the water source. Brass shut-offs tend to be more durable than plastic.

Y valve

Twin connect

Water two places at same time, running 2 hoses. Connect the valve to your faucet each side connection is independently controlled.
Quick Coupler

In ground/irrigation, industrial-strength brass quick-coupling valves for convenient water access in potable and non-potable systems.

Quick Coupler

Key

Valve Key

Key threads into top of quick-coupling valve to provide water access.

Wand

Water Wand

Designed to eliminate the stretching and stooping associated with hand watering, allows you to water hard-to-reach areas with ease. Comes in different lengths 16, 24, 30, 36, and 48-inch.

Watering Can

A portable container, with a handle and a spout, used to water plants by hand

Scuffle hoe

Stirrup hoe

Sharp, on both edges, cuts on both push and pull
Scuffle hoe

Good for both cutting weeds and loosening soil, sharp on 3 edges, cuts on both push and pull motions.

Collinear draw hoe

good for weeding in tight places

Swan-neck

half-moon draw hoe cuts only on the pull (or draw)

Warren hoe

Is capable of tackling tough weeds.

Multipurpose field hoe

small and large weeds and excels at trenching or hilling dirt.

Circle draw hoe

works especially well in close quarters

3 pronged cultivator

A great digging, cultivating and weeding tool.

Weed digger

Dandelion digger

Meant to go below ground to cut through the dandelion root.
Trowel

A small, single hand tool for digging, scooping, spreading, or otherwise manipulating dirt. They are useful in planting and potting for digging holes and breaking up clumps of soil. Gardening trowels typically have strong, narrow blades with sharp points.

Soil knife
Perennial knife

Hori Hori

Sharp-bladed knife, useful for transplanting, digging, and weeding. Originally used by bonsai enthusiasts in Japan to collect specimens from stony mountain soil.
Great tool!

Wheel barrow

A small hand propelled vehicle, usually with one wheel, pushed and guided by one person using 2 handles in the rear. Designed to distribute the loads weight between the wheel and the operator, the heavy part of the load is in the wheel, enabling the operator to carry a heavy load alone.
Sledgehammer
A large, flat head attached to a medium long handle. Used for heavy hammering or demolition work. Has ability to distribute force over a larger area than the smaller hammer.

Hand Bypass Pruners
Used to remove live and dead stems and branches, come in various sizes and styles. Cut branches and stems smaller than your pinky finger. Work exactly like a pair of scissors, with two blades passing each other to make the cut.

Anvil Pruners
One cutting blade, which closes onto a flat surface. Works like an anvil - cut and smash, not a good choice in pruners.
Hedge Shears

Sharp scissor action for hedging small shrubs and evergreens. Useful when deadheading large spans of perennials. Cuts less than .5 inch.

Lopper

Larger bypass cutting item, used to cut med to large branches. Can comfortably cut up to a thumb width.

Pruning Saw

Saw used to remove branches from woody plant material, 1 inch or larger in diameter.
Pole Saw

Pruning saw attached to a pole, sawing action for removal and pruning of trees. Sometimes eliminates the need for a ladder.

Pole Pruner

Used for removing dead wood and pruning of trees. Works like a bypass pruner. Sometimes has a pruning saw attachment.

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