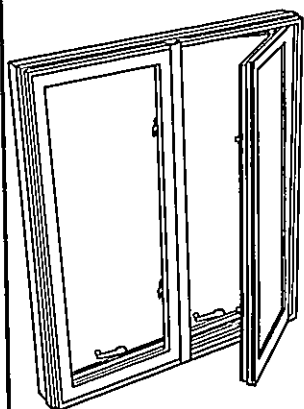


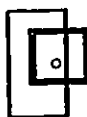
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## Quality and upkeep of tools can prevent costly mistakes

After spending all that time in the garden trimming, pruning and cleaning up, don't let it all go to waste by forgetting to clean up your tools. The price may not only be that of new tools, says Mary Reyes, a manager at the Plymouth Nursery, but your garden as well.

"After you use any tools, you should clean them off with a wet rag and let them air dry," Reyes says. "And if the tools were used in a diseased situation, then you have to take some extra steps."

If you use pruners or any tool on a plant which has a disease, wash the tools in a bleach and water solution, she says. If you don't, you can spread the disease to other plants next time you use the tool.

When you wash a tool, store it in a dry place like the garage or basement to air dry. Never seal a tool in a plastic bag after cleaning, Reyes says. The result can be mildew and rusting.

While buying the best quality is the best bet in purchasing tools, Reyes says there is some middle ground. The quality of a tool often depends on the grade of the metal the tool is made of.

Forged steel is better than aluminum, she says, you also need to take into account how much you will use your tools in the garden. If you spend most of your time in the garden, higher quality tools are the best way to go. But, if you are an occasional gardener, you can probably get away without the top-of-the-line equipment.

"Strong handles are very important," Reyes says, "and now they are making teflon-coated pruners and loppers which stay sharper longer and make a smoother cut." A clean cut is essential, she says. A jagged cut will give the limb or plant an open wound that doesn't heal well — then you end up with scarring on the plant.

The life span of your tools will be determined by several factors: the quality, how well-maintained you keep them and how often you use them. A good quality tool which is used every weekend may last only two years while the same tool used less often could last up to five years.

"Time is important to everyone," Reyes says. "If you buy the right tools of good quality and take care of them, it makes the job a lot easier."

## PRESENTING HOME & GARDEN I

Three days after the vernal equinox I knew it really was spring. My two ivy plants, which I had rooted in water and planted last October, sprouted their first new leaves. All of a sudden, the new gardening books I collected over the winter and promptly placed in a pile have a new appeal. I've already dusted a few off and have begun planning my backyard garden, albeit a little late!

Whether you are a novice or master gardener, I hope this issue of Home & Garden, which appears today, April 1, 1993 in all Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, provides you with some inspiration as well!

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