



Garden safety

Gardening is a popular activity in Canada. Some equipment and chemicals used for gardening can be dangerous. Gardening tools and chemicals cause injuries to both children and adults. These injuries can be prevented by following these safety tips.



Safety Tips

Always:

- Read and follow instructions.
- Check lawn and work areas for hazards such as rocks, nails, broken glass.
- Keep children at a safe distance.
- Use protective gear such as gloves, ear protection, eye protection, etc.
- Wear proper shoes or boots when operating hand tools and power equipment.

Tool Safety:

- Learn to operate equipment properly and safely and make sure it is in good working order before use.
- Put tools away immediately after use and store tools out of children's reach.
- Be careful with sharp or pointed tools such as rakes, lawn mowers and lawn edgers.
- Keep hands and feet away from cutting blades, moving parts and hot surfaces.
- Do not use electrical tools in wet conditions.
- Turn motorized tools off and disconnect power source before cleaning or servicing them.

Chemicals and Flammables:

- Avoid smoking, sparks or open flame near flammable materials and gas-powered equipment.
- Use chemicals only where children and pets will not come into contact with them.
- Store chemicals in original containers with proper labels and according to directions. Put them away after use.

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