

A photograph of various garden tools hanging on a stone wall. The tools include several shovels with different handle colors (black, brown, green), a pitchfork, a rake, a broom, and a red-handled tool. The wall is made of rough-hewn stone, and a wooden beam runs horizontally across the top. A corrugated metal roof is visible at the very top. The text 'Tool Talk' is overlaid in large black letters in the center.

Tool Talk

Tools that every gardener should know about.

There is a huge variety in tools sold for gardening.

In the end, it comes down to personal preference...

Today's presentation:

- Basic tools and uses (with demos)
- The short list of tools every gardener should own.
- Unusual Tools
- Uses for Old Tools
- Sources for Buying Tools

Basic Tools: Hoes – pull (more common)



General purpose
Hoe



Stirrup or
Cultivator Hoe



Vee Hoe

Purpose:

- Break up soil
- Chop weeds
- Move soil
- Make rows



Field Hoe



Hoe Dag

Basic Tools: Hoes – push or “Dutch” style

“Dutch
scuffle” – not
a dance



Royal
Dutch Hoe
(made by
SneeBoer)



Main purpose:

- Eliminate weeds

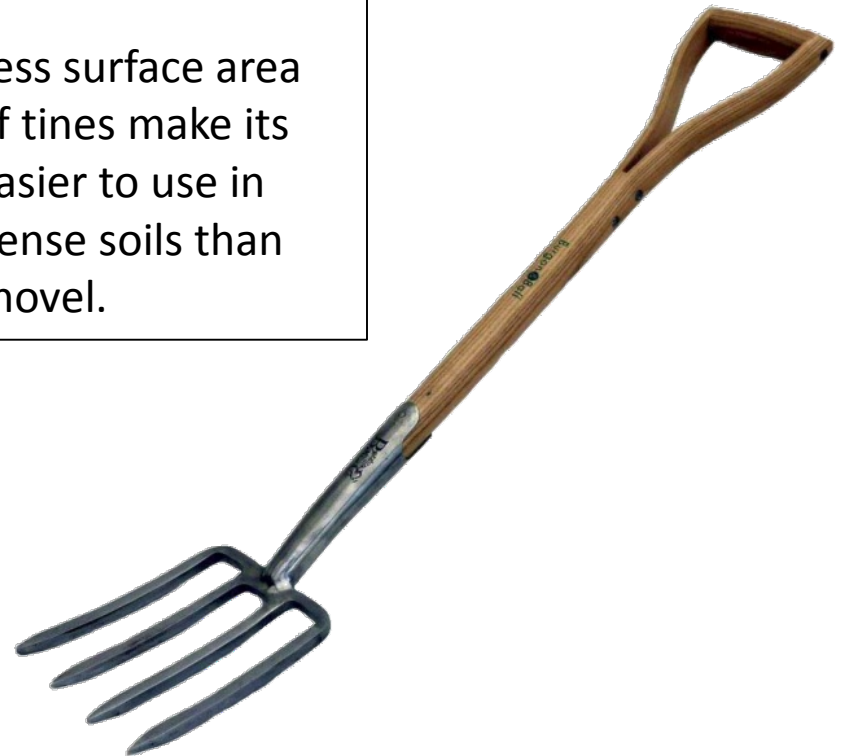
Basic Tools: Garden Fork



Flat tines

Purpose: Turn soil

Less surface area of tines make its easier to use in dense soils than shovel.



Basic Tools: Shovels



Shovel

Purpose:
Digging



Spade

Purpose:
Digging; turning soil;
breaking up clods



Trenching Spade

Purpose:
Digging deep;
turning soil



Scoop Shovel

Purpose:
Moving soil,
compost, etc...
NOT FOR DIGGING

Basic Tools: Garden Rakes

Bow Rake

Purpose:
Smooth out beds



Totally different
beasts!

Leaf Rake

Purpose:
Collecting Leaves

NOT FOR MOVING
SOIL!



Not so Basic: Broad Fork



TreadLiteTools – \$105 + 40 shipping
from Appleton, WI



Basic Tools: Hand Tools



Weeder

Purpose:
Can penetrate soil
to loosen roots
during weeding



Hand Trowel

Purpose:
Local Digging;
Planting; Weeding



Hand Rake

Purpose:
reaking and
loosening soil;

Basic Tools: Hand Pruners and Saws

Anvil Style – Best for cutting dead shoots and branches

Bypass Style – Best for cutting live plant material. Can jam with dead wood.



Folding Hand Saw

Purpose:
Cutting large woody
branches

Short list – Tools every gardener should own

- One Preferred Digging Tool: Spade, Garden Fork or Shovel
- Multi-purpose Hoe
- Bow Rake
- Hand Trowel
- Hand Pruner

There are lots of other useful tools too....



Unusual Tools



These cross the
line with culinary
tools



Unusual Tools

Scary looking



Turning old tools into art



Turning old tools into furniture



Sources

- Earth Tools: <http://www.earthtoolsbcs.com>
- Rogue Hoe: <http://www.roguehoe.com>
- Green Heron Tools: <http://www.greenherontools.com/> (tools for *her*)
- Garden Tool Company: <http://www.gardentoolcompany.com>
- TreadLite Tools: <http://www.treadlitebroadforks.com/>