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Hurricane Season is Here

The official Atlantic hurricane season started on June 1st, 2010 and will end on November 30th, 2010. Atlantic hurricane patterns affect the eastern seaboard, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Caribbean nations.

Forecasting is more pinpointed and will allow the word to get out on forming storms up to twelve hours sooner than in that past. However, each storm can do

unpredictable things that even a computer cannot predict.

Chief Meteorologist and Hurricane Forecaster Joe Batardi has noticed that this season will be busier than normal. He has predicted that at least 2 - 3 major storms will make major landfall in the US. Other meteorologists put that number higher at 3 - 5.

This up-change in

predictions is based on a weakening El Nino, warmer ocean temperatures, weakening trade winds, and higher humidity levels.

Check the changing conditions at sites like:

www.crownweather.com

www.accuweather.com

and the official NOAA sites.

What Would You Like to See?

Seville Power Equipment's goal with this newsletter is to provide information and education about outdoor power equipment and other topics related to the industry. In order to do that, we would like input from our customers and commercial landscapers.

What types of articles would you like to see?
What topics do you want covered?

If you are a writer and wish to submit an article, let our webmaster know

and he will get with you on the details.

Our business is not just to sell a product or service, but to be a resource for anyone interested in gardening, landscaping, power equipment and the environment.

We are also looking for those of you who would like to give a testimonial about our sales, service, parts or customer service encounters. And we also want to hear from you who are unhappy with something. Either go to

our website and click on one of the feedback links or email our webmaster. Whether it is suggestions, complaints, raves, testimonials, or just to say hello, drop us a line.

We appreciate you and your business. In these tough times and in the good times, every customer is important.

Thank YOU!

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Trimmer Line - Which Shape and Size is Right for Me?



“Different types of material to be trimmed will dictate the shape and the width.”



Trimmer line is one consumable that both professionals and homeowners utilize. Because the line is made of plastic, use wears it down and it must be replaced often. The question then becomes a matter of which shape and thickness is right for the use. Below are several factors to consider when shopping. Different types of material to be trimmed will dictate the shape and the width. If you are unsure, it is wise to refer to the owner's manual. While most trimmers can handle the majority of line, some have restrictions.

The Various Shapes

Round line is the choice of most homeowners and landscapers. It lasts longer than other shapes and is easier to load into a spool or feed through a quick feeder. The downside is that it does not cut as clean as line with an edge.

Square line whips through thick weeds much quicker and far more efficiently than its round cousin. The edges give it more cutting power so that weeds can be trimmed

cleanly. Unfortunately, it also tends to break easier when it comes into contact with hard objects such as concrete, metal fence poles and curbs. Another problem is that it can jam inside the spool rollers that most machines have.

Another type seen from time to time is the star pattern. It has even more edges than square, but with that also comes the weaker structure that breaks fairly easy. Still, if you want a very clean cut, this may be the option for you.

Which Diameter to Use?

When it comes to the thickness of the trimmer line, it is best to refer to your owner's manual because buying the wrong size can jam the spool or overtax the drive shaft. Most consumer trimmers start off at a .080 diameter. Professional ones vary depending on the model. If yours is one that can take varying widths, you can experiment with the size to see what works best. Thicker line will last longer but beware of overloading your

equipment.

How Much to Get?

The quantity really is dependent upon how often you use the trimmer and what kinds of materials you are cutting through. Most homeowners do not use that much so getting 50 feet or less will last the whole season. However, if you are trimming a lot or are a professional, getting large spools might work much better. You can find spools in 1/2, 1, 3 and 5 pound spools in diameters of .95 to .155. Some stores even have the single lines that go into an easy loader or a special head.

In summary, know what kind of job you are doing and the specifications of your trimmer model before making a decision. Then determine if you wish to go with an edged line or a smooth one. Everyone has their own preferences depending on their needs.

Before You Whack a Single Weed, Read This - A Trimmer Guide

So you are looking for a trimmer (also referred to as a weed whacker, weed eater, etc.) and once you get to the store that sells them, you are presented with a dizzying array of choices.

Overwhelmed by choices like what kind of engine, trimmer head and shaft you should get, frustration sets in. You don't want to go for the cheapest, but others are very expensive. You think to yourself, "All I want to do is trim my yard!"

It is a reasonable request, however in order to get the right one for your needs a few more questions need to be answered:

- How often will you use the trimmer? If use will be casual, one of the less expensive trimmers may suit your needs. If you use it all the time in harsh conditions, you might want to go with a professional grade trimmer.
- What will you be trimming? Occasional grass and small weeds do not need as much power behind them, but large weeds, brush, and thick vegetation will definitely require a lot of power.
- What kind of trimmer head do you need? There are quick-load line heads, spool

heads, blade heads and a variety of others.

Professional landscapers typically use spool heads because they go through so much line. Home users are all over the board in preference due to the types of jobs.

- What kind of shaft? Straight or Curved? Shaft preferences are a big deal when it comes to comfort. We will explore this a bit more below.

Straight shafts are the usual choice of professionals because they have more power to cut through brush and thick vegetation. These shafts typically can accept different types of heads for different jobs but the downside is that they are typically more expensive.

Straight shafts are recommended for those users who are taller since the curved types require a bit of bending. Some also claim that they are easier to maneuver. Since straight shaft trimmers spin counter-clockwise, they are usually handled by walking backwards. It is something to remember if you switch the trimmer from hand to hand. Curved shafts are far more comfortable than straight ones. They are designed for users to walk forward as they trim and not get as much

trimmings thrown back.

Unlike straight shafts, the heads spin clockwise propelling the detritus forward. Users who are shorter tend to prefer the curved shafts. Curved shafts also weigh less. This helps for big jobs and causes less fatigue.

Another comfort feature that is available on most models are handle bars. The bars give two handed control instead of relying on just one arm. If you do go with handle bars, be prepared to spend a bit more.

You can find trimmers in a price range of \$99 to \$600 depending on the engine, horsepower, shaft and head. It is recommended that you purchase one where demo units are available so that you can get the right feel for what will be most comfortable to you. If you purchase a name brand from a dealer, there are usually good service warranties. A reputable dealer will not only sell you the trimmer, but provide service and training on how to use it. Be wary of cheap no-name equipment. The price might be attractive, but you would be better off getting a trimmer that will last you for years instead of months.



"Once you have the major questions answered, you need to decide what will be more comfortable for you."

TruSouth© Chain and Bar Oil Special - \$7.99

TruSouth© Chain & Bar Oil is specially formulated to provide maximum lubrication of chainsaw bars and chains.

TruSouth© Chain & Bar Oil contains highly refined oils for proper lubrication and protects moving parts and metal alloys. The concentrated tackiness

additive helps to keep the oil on the chain even at high cutting speeds.

Seville Power has a one gallon jug of this oil on special until June 30, 2010 - for only **\$7.99!**



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STIHL Hedge Trimmer Blade Cleaner & Resin Remover

Spray, cleaner and lubricant for cutting attachments, hedge trimmer blades and chainsaws. Specially designed for removing resin.

This product is a must for those who trim bushes or other plants that have a sticky resin. Cleaning the resin off of the blades will extend the life of the blade and cut better.

Properties:

- Contains graphite

Typical applications:

- Hedge trimmer blades
- Cutting tools

Effect:

- Penetrating oil
- Resin solvent

- Corrosion protection
- Lubricant

Application notes:

- Spray onto cutting tools after every use.
- Hedge trimmer blades must be briefly operated after use.

\$8.95

STIHL 2.5 Gallon Mix Oil - Buy One Get One FREE

The STIHL 2.5 Gallon Mix Oil in a 6.4oz bottle is on special. If you buy one six pack, you get another six pack free.

STIHL provides the best mix oil for your equipment.

With this deal you save over **\$15!** That is an amazing deal on a product that is used frequently.

Check out this deal in our store.

Super Secret Special

Go to our online store at [Seville Online](#) and get 15% off any order over \$50.00.

Hurry, this offer ends on June 30th, 2010.

Use coupon code: **SPEOL1015** to get the discount.

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Maggie's Corner - What Happened to Spring?

Salutations humans!

As I sat on the concrete floor of the showroom the other day, I began to ponder the mysteries of where our Spring weather had disappeared to.

The Winter this year was very cold. So cold that my paws were freezing and I had to tuck myself up underneath the parts counter at times. I am not accustomed to being cold being that I currently reside in Pensacola, Florida.

My human was also cold so he adjusted the heat to keep me warm.

Then as the days progressed and Spring began to arrive, everyone was happy for the cold to end. However, our Spring weather lasted all of a week before the sun began to blaze down. Here it was the end of May and it felt as though we were in August with the temperatures in the 90's.

When the temperature gets that hot, I have to be careful about my activities. You see, my coat is black so I retain a lot of heat. Then we had a couple of days when the air conditioning went out and everyone was miserable.

Thankfully, the humans had it repaired before the really hot weather started.

I wanted to play outside but the heat was too

much, and as you may know, we dogs do not have sweat glands so my tongue was hanging out trying to cool me down.

You might think that I would be safe in sunlight with a fur coat, but even though my nose is black, I can still get sunburned and it hurts to have a sunburned nose!

So, I have been laying inside on the cool concrete floor and greeting everyone as they come into the store.

I really enjoy when new humans come in because they carry with them all sorts of fascinating smells. Sometimes they even bring in little humans to play with me. I am very good at playing fetch. Most of the time I can catch the tennis ball before it even bounces once. Of course, there are those times that I miss and I slide on the smooth floor, but those times are fun too!

Most of the time, I simply supervise the day to day business and make notes. I am not sure if the humans pay much attention to my suggestions at times, but they always treat me with respect.

My human makes sure that I have plenty of tennis balls to play with as often, they get trapped under things or lost.

I have great discipline when my human gives me "orders". The silly human thinks he is the one in charge. I play along, of course, since it makes him happy and proud when I show my skills.

We are one big happy family here at Seville Power Equipment. We would love to meet you, so stop on by and say hello to the other humans and give me a pat, or toss the tennis ball around.

Since we had no Spring, we will just have to get used to a hot Summer.

Take care of yourself when it gets hot. Drink plenty of fluids (I like ice cubes in my water dish.) Put sunscreen on those sensitive noses (and other places) and if you start to get dizzy or feel ill when out in the sun, get into the shade or indoors immediately. Don't take chances! We value our friends.

Until next time,
Maggie Brazil



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Quotes & Quips

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.

- James Dent

After all is said and done, a hell of a lot more is said than done.

- Murphy's Laws

I always thought a yard was three feet, then I started mowing the lawn.

- C.E. Cowman

Crabgrass can grow on bowling balls in airless rooms, and there is no known way to kill it that does not involve nuclear weapons.

- Dave Barry

What do you get when you cross a canary and a lawn mower?

Shredded tweet.

Your first job is to prepare the soil. The best tool for this is your neighbor's motorized garden tiller. If

your neighbor does not own a garden tiller, suggest that he buy one.

- Dave Barry

People are like Potatoes!

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are content to watch others ...

They are called "Speck Tators."

Some are always looking to cause problems and really get under your skin ...

They are called "Aggie Tators."

There are those who are always saying they will, but somehow, they never get around to doing ...

We call them "Hezzie Tators."

- From the laughalot-owner on the Net

Some folks spent a lot of time sitting and peering into their garden ...

They are called "Medi Tators."

There are those that try to maximize their crop yields while reducing expenses ...

We call them "Compu Tators."

- Mike Garofalo

You Might be a Redneck Gardener If:

-You mow your lawn and find a wheelbarrow.

-A half moon reminds you of your fat husband pulling weeds.

-You think a chain saw is a musical instrument.

-You move your refrigerator and the grass underneath it is yellow.

-Kudzu covers your arbor.

-You don't water your front yard rather than mow it.

-You know how many bags of fertilizer your car can hold.

-You've ever cleaned your house with a leaf blower.

-You empty the trash when you have enough to fill up the pickup.

-You can amuse yourself for more than an hour with a hose.

-You've been cited for reckless driving on a riding lawn mower.

-You move your weed-eater to take a bath.

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