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18V TELESCOPIC CORDLESS LITHIUM-ION HEDGE TRIMMER

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You can now cut high-up, hard to reach hedges, without the need for a ladder, with this versatile 18V telescopic hedge trimmer from Garden Gear.

There's no messy or dangerous cords to worry about and the adjustable head rotates and locks into five different cutting positions. The main shaft is constructed using rustproof fibreglass and the aluminium telescopic pole is exceptionally strong and durable, yet light enough for use at its longest extension of 245cm.

The razor-sharp 480mm double-action reciprocating blade has a maximum cutting length of 416mm and will effortlessly slice through stems up to 16mm in diameter. Also available is an interchangeable 200mm chainsaw head to chop and prune branches and shrubs with ease.

Measures: L40 x W14.1 x H14.2cm. Weighs: 1.6kg.

D9374 Telescopic Hedge Trimmer
D9376 18V Spare Battery **£39.99**
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Chainsaw Head



20V CORDLESS GRASS TRIMMER

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Get your garden back in shape with this versatile 20V cordless grass trimmer.

The 26cm cutting width will deal with brambles, weeds and overgrown grass easily, making tricky and time-consuming tasks a breeze.

The lightweight design has a durable aluminium shaft which is telescopic (can be extended from 95 to 115cm) for the perfect working height and is angle-adjustable for ease of use. Its long-lasting lithium ion battery means more power for longer, and there are

none of the maintenance costs associated with petrol versions.

There are no cables to untangle or trip over either, making it a safe and practical option for any garden. Includes charger and charging base.

Also available for £34.99 is a spare battery pack for continuous use whilst one is charging.

D9531 20V Cordless Grass Trimmer **£59.99**
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Q&A



Just so many ways to yew your trees

How do I use trees in my garden? **Tim, via email**
DAVID: Trees will bring height and texture, as well as colour to the scene. Some produce flowers and edible fruit so they're great for attracting wildlife and they can be used as a focal point too. Perhaps try them at the end of a path or in the centre of the lawn.



7ft hedge will give you lots of privacy

What height should I allow my hedge to grow to?
David, St Albans, Herts.
DAVID: It's usual to limit a hedge to within 6ft-7ft 3ins. This is high enough to create a sense of privacy in the garden, depending on how thick your hedge is. It's a manageable height to trim and won't obstruct neighbouring views.

TIP of the week

Wait to weed without the wind! If it's windy, your hard work weeding could actually spread wind-dispersed weed seeds, like dandelions and bittercress, to other parts of the plot. Pick a still day to get stuck in.

GET IN TOUCH

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Ready for your hols? Follow these tips to ensure your garden is ticking over nicely while you're getting some well-earned R & R this summer...

First of all, there are some simple ways to keep your garden and your possessions secure. Make sure that high value items like kids' bikes, lawn mowers and your garden tools, that might usually be stored outside, are moved in to your garage or a locked shed.

You should also write your postcode on the bottom of valuable items with a UV pen so that, if recovered, police can identify them as yours.

Garden sheds and greenhouses with windows can be covered from the inside, so that the contents inside are away from prying eyes.

STACK THE ODDS

Plants are at risk of water stress in the heat. Why risk all of your hard work when just a few simple adjustments can quench their thirst while you're out of the picture?

A particularly windy spot will dry vegetation out quicker. If you don't have a natural screen in the form of hedging or densely protective foliage, plants can be kept sheltered by building your own screen from prevailing winds.

Moving potted plants into a shady

Don't let fruit and veg spoil. If ready, pick it and freeze it now

spot will help them to maintain hydration as they are out of the drying sun, but I'd always avoid using the shade under the eaves of your house - as this will prevent any natural rain-water from being able to reach them.

You can also buy soaker hoses that fit on to a timer on your outdoor tap as a homemade irrigation system.

MARVELLOUS METHODS

A square metre of vegetation can use an average of three litres of water a day, so conserve water by adding in mulch, like bark chips and well-rotted manure.

This will provide a protective layer that reduces water evaporation. Also ensure beds are thoroughly weeded before you go, as weeds will compete with your plants for vital nutrients and zap the soil of its resources.

A quick way to get a water supply to plant pots is to position them on capillary matting in the greenhouse or home. This matting sits underneath the pot and the roots suck up the water from this absorbent layer.

A homemade version of this is to collect all your house plants together and pop them in the bathtub. Put a little water in the bottom and a damp towel to soak up the excess. Plants



SOAK AWAY Fit timer to your sprayer

will benefit from being grouped together like this too, with the added humidity in the air.

CARE FOR CROPS

Plants that are fruiting or producing flowers need extra attention. Stake up any that will need support

Kids get a



POTS & SWOTS School's indoor plants

boost thanks to brainy im-plants

SCHOOL gardens are a popular feature these days - giving students the opportunity to get their hands dirty, grow their own food and benefit from exercise and fresh air.

Hargrave Park Primary School in Archway, North London, has taken this idea one step further.

And with the help of a local Sunshine Garden Centre, the school has added green touches to their indoor spaces too.

The project was inspired by a visit from Professor Stephen Heppell, who promotes the idea that plants in school help with children's cognitive performance. Prof Heppell suggested

as the fruits and flower heads get together - it's best to prepare just in case. Anything that's ripe can be picked now and you can freeze your glut of chillies or peas and beans, ready to thaw and consume as and when you need them. Any strawberries and

tomatoes can be harvested early and left to ripen in the fridge, which is better than leaving them to spoil. I'd recommend gathering young beans, peas and baby courgettes before you leave too. If left to mature on the vine, these will stop the plant from

producing. If need be, slow the growth of any leafy green crops that may spoil, like cress and lettuce, by providing them with more shade.



NUT ALERT Stock feeders



PICK IT Freeze your ripe fruit

CREATURE COMFORTS

Use the time away to take a break from mowing. Many people mow the

lawn as short as possible so it'll last until they're back, but the opposite is true. I always leave my lawn to grow slightly longer just before a holiday, so that the grass can hold more moisture and recover itself if there is a dry spell.

Plus, when you return, a fresh trim will mean the grass will look better than ever.

Those of you who are feeding birds and hedgehogs in the garden, please make sure you leave them a supply while you're away.

I make a point of providing plenty of food and fresh water for the birds - and bees will need it too. Garden wildlife get used to gathering food and if the supply suddenly stops, they can get disorientated, go hungry or dehydrate.

Pop out enough food and drink to last the week and clean over the feeding stations so they look great and are hygienic to use. In brief, while you get some rest, keep your garden looking its best with these easy-breeze techniques.

OFFER of the week

Fragrant Yellow Star Jasmine Trachelospermum Star of Toscane is a premium plant, grown for the wonderful scent it produces.

The summer flowering favourite is a natural climber that originates from Tuscany.

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GADGET



These sturdy plastic self-watering plant spikes are a brilliant idea - allowing you to recycle water or pop bottles into plant reservoirs. The regulating valve allows you to decide how much water to release, and it simply soaks out into the soil while you're away on holiday. Perfect for indoor or (sheltered) outdoor plants. These were £17.99 for 24 spikes (remember you need your own empty bottles) from amazon.co.uk