

Press Release

Fit for Spring Gardening

MTD Gives Service Tips for the Correct Care and Maintenance of your Gardening Tools after Winter

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The first warm spring days and your garden starts to bloom – time to start taking care of your lawn. The right equipment is crucial for a perfect lawn throughout the entire season. With the right care nothing stands in the way of a good start in the spring. MTD, one of the leading manufacturers of power gardening tools, gives tips for using your gardening tools after a long winter.

Better Ask a Pro

Actually, there are only two rules you need to follow. First: follow the care and storage instructions in your service manual. And second: consult a trustworthy specialized service center.

Michael Wicke, Head of Customer Services for Europe at MTD, explains: „We take our responsibility to our customers seriously and actively inform them about the importance of the professional care and maintenance of their tools after winter has ended because this maintains their value and operational reliability. Only specialized service centers have the know-how and equipment necessary for comprehensive and professional maintenance. Because, in the end we want our customers to take pleasure in their gardening tools.“

Your tools should be maintained by specialized service centers regularly, because there is a long list of items that need to be checked. For example, the valves, spark plugs and air filter should be checked and the oil changed. In addition, the blades and the entire mower should be systematically checked. The battery fluid should be tested and when necessary, refilled with distilled water.

If a winter inspection wasn't carried out by a service center, then a spring inspection should definitely take place.



After a long winter pause or storage of the tool you should use fresh fuel, in so far as the fuel doesn't contain a fuel stabilizer. A fuel stabilizer keeps the fuel „fresh“. That means that it prevents the fuel from settling and makes the fuel bind with possible condensation. You can store fuel up to 12 months with a stabilizer.

Take the Following Information to Heart each Season:

Make sure that all the movable parts run smoothly, especially after the tool has not been used for a while. Reread the service manual to reacquaint yourself with your tool.

The key to a long tool life is care and maintenance and that is why cleanliness is so important. Before thoroughly cleaning the tool and freeing it from grass, leaves and earth please pull the spark plug connector. Rotting grass damages the paint and thus, leads to corrosion. After cleaning the tool with water, dry it carefully and make sure that no moisture remains – rust never sleeps. Avoid the use of steam and pressure washers. The high water pressure can damage the paint, electric parts, sealing elements and bearings. Store the tool in a clean, dry place. After long a long break, the service life and reliability of the tool's battery can be guaranteed by a charger with trickle charging.

Please read the service manual carefully. It contains these and other important information.

If you follow our tips nothing can prevent a successful spring start.

About MTD Products AG

MTD Products AG in Saarbrücken-Bübingen is the European headquarters of MTD Products Inc., which is based in Cleveland, Ohio (USA). It was established after the takeover of the tradition-rich German manufacturer GUTBROD by MTD in 1996. MTD has more than 20 production and sales locations worldwide, employing about 10.000 people. Its market share places it among the top-ten manufacturers of powered garden equipment worldwide.

In Europe, MTD has its own sales locations for Germany, France, Belgium, Austria, Denmark, Hungary, Sweden, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Russia and Poland. All other European markets are serviced via sales partners and importers.

The MTD portfolio in Europe comprises the brands MTD, Bolens, GUTBROD, Yard-Man and Cub Cadet. Its product range includes electric and petrol lawn mowers, verticutters, lawn tractors, compact tractors, ride-on mowers, shredders, trimmers, garden tillers, snow throwers, quads and chain saws. The European product plants are located in Saarbrücken-Bübingen and in Nemesvámos (Hungary).

