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## Safe Operation Of Garden Tractors

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This article traces history of garden tractors, gives tips in selection of garden tractors and gives information in safe operation of garden tractors. It also gives tips on saving fuel. The article is meant primarily for an amateur gardener, who is interested in maintaining his garden.

### Early Stages of Development

The garden tractors were invented towards the end of nineteenth century. The early garden tractors were driven by steam engine. The diesel engine driven tractors appeared just before the First World War. The tractors were immediately adopted for various farm works, such as digging, lifting the soil and putting it somewhere else. This has greatly helped farmers in reducing manual work in farms.

### Selection Of Garden Tractors

Selection of garden tractor for your garden will depend primarily on the area you are going to cultivate or maintain with your tractor. If the area is less than an acre, you may consider buying a small tiller with 2 to 3 HP. If the area is large, say more than 5 acres and the area has large boulders which you may want to move, you will have to go in for a large tractor with 15 to 20 HP machine. If the boulders are moved by an external agency as a one-time job, then a smaller tractor will also serve your purpose of normal maintenance of your garden.

### Safe Operation of Garden Tractors

Since you would be working in your garden unaided, it is necessary that you operate your tractor in a safe way. In case you have even a minor accident, it may not be possible for you to contact your family members easily. Therefore, it is necessary for you to adopt safe practices all the time.

Ensure that the tractor is in good working condition, and designed for work that you plan to do.

Use seat belts while driving tractor. Unless the tractor turns turtle, you will be safe.

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If you are going long distance and with load, on a new path, it is a good idea to walk this section of ground and see any potential trouble that you are likely to encounter.

Keep your eyes on the work you are doing. Do not get distracted.

Do not drive with extra riders on garden tractors EVER.

Always use hand brakes after stopping the tractor or make a positive arrangement so that tractor does not move on its own due to gravity.

### Fuel Saving Tips For Garden Tractors

Keep the tractors in trim condition.

Change the fuel filters regularly. Maintain the cleanliness of injectors by servicing tractor regularly. Use fuel additive to reduce fuel injector cleaning frequency.

Clean or change air filters regularly. Clean air and clean fuel accounts for increased fuel efficiency.

Last but not the least; do not overload your tractor.

The writer Andrew Caxton publishes quite often new articles to an online magazine specialized in lawn tractors and lawnmowers. Andrew helps people to find the best solutions for different types of gardens. Reach further information on garden tractors at

<http://www.lawn-mowers-and-garden-tractors.com>

## Use Of Garden Tractor For Small Areas

**By A.Caxton**

### Decide Use of Garden Tractors Or Lawn Tractors

When you have a small garden the question of using the garden tractor seems like a waste of money. When a smaller lawn tractor will do your work equally well, why spend more money in buying the garden tractor? Well, there are some points in favor of both the ideas and we will take look at both sides of the coin.

### Garden Tractor Vs Lawn Tractors

When you start looking for tractor for your garden, you are confronted with choice of purchasing a small or a large tractor. The choice is difficult for a small garden. Here is some help.

Lawn tractors: Smaller gardens with an area of less than 2 to 3 acres can make do with smaller

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tractors better known as lawn tractors. Essentially these are used for lawn mowing and no other work. If your garden is small and has only the lawn, you may continue to use the lawn tractor. Small lawn tractors have a capacity of about 4 to 6 HP.

However, if you do some gardening and have some agricultural produce, it makes sense to buy a garden tractor. The agricultural work involves loading and unloading of the agricultural inputs and outputs and it is difficult for lawn tractors to handle such loads. The attachments that can be attached to a lawn tractor are limited and it cannot definitely take the front end loader attachment that can be required for leveling the ground or flattening it.

The garden tractors are also useful to you in saving time for the other work. With lawn tractor, the time required for the same work will be much higher than the time required for equivalent work for a garden tractor. Since agricultural work is not the main business of a small landholder, it makes sense to have a tractor that can do the work quickly and get on with other jobs that you have in hand.

With a garden tractor, you can do many things that are impossible for the lawn mower to do with or without attachments. For example, you cannot use your lawn tractor for aerating the field, leveling the driveway, or hauling the firewood from far corners of your garden.

With a larger machine like a garden tractor, you can do many things that are unthinkable with small lawn tractors. The removal of stones in your garden or shifting of the stones for beautification of the garden are impossible to be done with small lawn tractor but it can be easily done with a small garden tractor and you can save lot of money in doing this.

Granted that the lawn tractor costs less money for purchase, but think of other jobs that you will be outsourcing in developing your garden and if you buy the garden tractor right at the start of your work, it will be economical to you in the longer run. If later you find it not being used completely, remember that it has saved you enough money to pay for itself and is still saving your time. Remember the wise old saying that 'time is money' and now you can save time and utilize it in higher yield business that you are in now.

The idle investment garden tractor can also make money for you if you rent it. If you are not the kind of person, who likes to rent his/her equipments, just remember that the garden tractor has done its work for you during the development stage of your garden and allow the garden tractor the well earned rest in your garden

So in the final analysis you will agree that using the tractor in a garden is a wise decision.

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