

Your Yard

How To Buy Power Equipment Like A Pro

(NAPSA)—Professional landscape contractors rely on a fleet of power equipment to manicure lawns, shrubbery and trees with precision and ease. They select products that will make light work of heavy tasks, with little strain on the operator and the environment. Homeowners can learn a trick or two taking tips from those who rely on power equipment to make a living. You don't have to be a pro to buy equipment like one.

According to Kevin Beaulieu, senior business unit manager for hand-held equipment at Husqvarna, if consumers know what to look for, they too can purchase outdoor power equipment that produces professional results their neighbors will notice.

String trimmers and edgers: When buying trimmers and edgers look for quality craftsmanship, with features such as a forged crankshaft and connecting rod. This, coupled with a solid drive shaft adds to the durability of the unit. Husqvarna's 325LX trimmers and 325EX edgers are popular among professionals and homeowners alike for these high-quality features, plus the fact that they are extremely light in weight.

In addition, ergonomic benefits should always be considered when purchasing any power equipment. For example, an adjustable loop handle on trimmers provides precise balance in any position, when edging or trimming.

"You want equipment that's kind to your body, comfortable and with low noise and vibration," said Beaulieu. Husqvarna hand-held equipment features a LowVib anti-vibration system to reduce vibration and has a noise rating less than 90 DBA when used with Husqvarna's Titanium Force quiet trimmer line.

Beaulieu also suggests that



even when running equipment that features low noise qualities, ear protection is a must—as is protective eyewear.

Hedgetrimmers: Look for a well-balanced and lightweight unit with a vibration dampening system. The Husqvarna 325HS75, with the industry-leading anti-vibration system and low power-to-weight ratio, is a popular choice among professionals.

Mowers: While there are a variety of options (walk-behind, tractors, zero-turn) to mow the lawn, there is one time saving tip from the pros. "Getting close to flower beds and edging will save trimming time later," said Mike Houge, senior business unit manager, wheeled good products at Husqvarna. The consumer version of the big zero-turn mowers is the Husqvarna Swedish Articulating Rider. Articulated steering provides a turning radius of only 4 inches. "You can wind around small saplings and flower beds and not have to go back with a trimmer," Houge added. "It produces a high quality, precision cut—and it's fun to drive too."

Taking advice from the pros may not only result in picture perfect property, it can be the smart way to invest in equipment that will last a lifetime. For more information visit www.usa.husqvarna.com or call 1-800-HUSKY 62 to learn more from a dealer in the area.