

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Pressure Washers Are The Next Big Toy For Do-It-Yourselfers

(NAPSA)—The fastest-growing tool category for homeowners may surprise you. That tool is the highly adaptable pressure washer.

Versatility is probably the most appealing aspect of this useful tool, which can tackle a wide array of cleaning tasks, including:

- Driveways, sidewalks, patios, pathways, decks and fences
- Home exteriors
- Cars, trucks, boats, RVs and trailers
- Lawn equipment, kennels, grills and much more.

Easy storage of pressure washers is also very important because they are not used as frequently as other outdoor power equipment. To help with this, product engineers at Ryobi, a leading do-it-yourself tool manufacturer, recently introduced a new 3000 psi pressure washer that can easily be folded and stored in about half of its normal space.

The unique Twist & Store feature lets the unit collapse down to just 22" x 23", small enough to easily store under a shelf in the garage or in the corner of a small shed. The unit comes equipped with a seven horsepower Subaru engine and an easy starting system.

To maximize the life of your pressure washer and operate it safely, Shain Brady, product manager for Ryobi, recommends the following tips:

Before/During Use:

- Read the owner's manual for recommendations on choosing correct nozzles to help eliminate the chance of applying too much pressure to a task.



The most popular pressure washers may be the ones you can easily fold and store.

- Never start the machine until you check all hose connections to see that they are in a locked position.
- Wear proper eye protection when operating the machine.
- Keep hands and feet clear of the cleaning nozzle.
- Always set the trigger safety lock when the spray wand is not in use.

Following Use:

- Be sure to relieve the pressure in the system before uncoupling the hoses.
- Flush the detergent suction system with clean water to remove any detergent residue and to avoid corrosion.
- After turning off the pressure washer and the water, depressurize the hose by triggering the gun.
- Remove the garden hose and connector valve from the pump.
- Store in a dry place and prevent from freezing in winter.

For more information on pressure washers, visit www.ryobipresurewashers.com.