

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Tips For Selecting A Snowthrower



**SO YOU DON'T FEEL ADRIFT** when checking out snowthrowers, bring along everyone who will be using it and ask for a test drive.

(NAPSA)—Even though you may face a blizzard of choices, these tips will help you select a snowthrower that meets your needs.

### **Selecting the right size snowthrower**

- What is your area's average annual snowfall. Select a snowthrower with enough power to handle the amount of snow you're likely to get during a "typical" winter.

- Measure your driveway and sidewalk(s), and how far you need to throw the snow.

- Homeowners experiencing heavy snowfalls with lots of area to clear will find large-frame, two-stage units ideal. Those living in light snow areas or who only need to move snow from narrow driveways, sidewalks and steps can usually get by with a single-stage unit.

### **Visit a snowthrower dealer**

- A neighborhood dealer who handles snowthrowers is a great resource for finding the right unit.

- Bring along all potential operators. A snowthrower should feel manageable to everyone who will be using it.

- Be sure to start the unit and try the controls.

### **Consider the need for accessories**

- Electric-start systems make starting your snowthrower in cold weather quick and easy.

- A good cab made of high-tech plastic protects the operator from wind and blowing snow and helps improve visibility.

- Headlights, drift cutters and hand warmers all enhance snowthrower operation.

- Simplicity Manufacturing, for example, offers several exclusive features on its Simplicity and Snapper brand large-frame two-stage snowthrowers to make clearing snow quick and easy. These include Easy Turn, which allows the operator to release the drive power to the right wheel for easy maneuvering and 180-degree turning.

Finally, ask about service. Factory-trained servicing dealers can provide service as well as preseason maintenance.

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