



Tool Care & Safety

Thank you for checking out gardening tools from our Library of Things!
Here are some basic tool care and safety instructions to keep in mind.

Be safe

- Practice good safety habits when transporting, storing and using your tools. Many of our gardening tools have sharp edges and blades.

Take care of your tools

- Visit metrolibrary.com/metrogrows to watch demo videos showcasing how to safely use your tools.
- Make sure to keep your tools stored in a safe, dry space when not using them.
- Only use your tools for gardening purposes.

Clean your tools before returning

- Make sure to get off as much dirt as possible before returning your tools so the next guest can enjoy them and we keep the library clean.
- All tools, except pruners and loppers: Only use water to clean your tools; wipe them dry with a cloth or paper towel. Wash immediately after use to make for easy cleaning.
- Pruners and loppers: Use a cloth or paper towel to wipe off blades. Store in holder.
- Gorilla tub: Rinse well with water and wipe dry.

Return tools to the same library you checked them out from

- Remember to return tools during library business hours as well!

Interested in helping us care for our garden tool collection?

Contact engagement@metrolibrary.org for more information on how to assist with more in-depth tool cleaning throughout the year!

