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NEW LAWN CARE PRODUCTS FOR SPRING

New features include an earth-friendly battery and a quick start option

CLEVELAND (March 2009) – For those itching to get started on gardening after a long winter or looking to replace older equipment, Troy-Bilt®, a leading manufacturer of outdoor power equipment, offers two new trimmers to help manicure your lawn and garden.

Brand new this year is the [TB57](#), Troy-Bilt's first lithium ion string trimmer. Weighing 7 pounds with three times the life of a regular battery, this trimmer operates on an earth-friendly, rechargeable lithium ion battery, releasing zero emissions into the environment. The TB57 has a 20-volt battery and runs on full power at 8,000 RPMs for up to one full hour, which makes trimming edges of sidewalks, driveways and beds a manageable task. This unit is priced at \$199 and available at your local Lowe's® and at www.troybilt.com.

For a quick start option, the [TB539E](#) gas trimmer features Press2Start™ which eliminates manually pulling the cord to start the unit. Plug the starter into an electrical outlet, then the trimmer unit to the starter, push the button and start trimming – it's just that easy. The TB539E is easy to operate, with an ergonomic, curved shaft providing a clear view of the trimming area. Depending on the job, this unit can be easily transformed into a blower, edger, hedge trimmer, pole saw and more. The TB539E is priced at \$199 and available at your local Lowe's and at www.troybilt.com.

Tips to garden green and save money

- **Make your own compost.** Pick a designated area with equal amounts of sun and shade; grab discarded plant materials, and alternately layer shredded leaves, wood chips, soil and vegetative matter. Turn the pile every two weeks and when heat radiates from the center, the healthy compost and is ready to be tilled into your garden.

- **Conserve water by using a rain container.** To catch rain water, use a large, sturdy barrel, available at your local home improvement stores, and add a spigot for easy draining. Find a place where you can easily reroute the gutter and place underneath to capture rain water. When it's not raining, make sure to close the lid to prevent mosquitoes and other bugs from contaminating the water.
- **Plant a vegetable garden.** Save on groceries by planting your own garden. Make a list of vegetables and herbs you frequently purchase and start there. If you don't have a lot of space, think window gardens or large container gardens. Pick a spot with full sun and add organic material to replenish nutrients in the soil. For first-time gardeners, use a [Troy-Bilt electric cultivator](#) to till in matter. Then plot your plant layout, leaving enough room for plants to grow and start planting. Remember to stake plants like tomatoes and beans to help them grow.
- **Create your own planters.** Recycle containers around the house for new and personally designed planters. Round up old paint cans, vases, cinder blocks or cottage cheese containers, add holes for drainage and decorate using colorful paints, beads and stones. Invite kids to join in and give them their own plant to nurture – a great way to get green thumbs started early.

About Troy-Bilt

In 1937, Troy-Bilt introduced the first American-made rototiller. Troy-Bilt has expanded on its legendary expertise and durable product line to create a complete selection of the industry's finest lawn and garden tools. Troy-Bilt's award-winning product line includes top-quality tractors, mowers, tillers, cultivators, trimmers and a variety of outdoor power tools. Troy-Bilt machines are built to last and engineered to take on the toughest challenges to make jobs simpler and safer. For more information, visit www.troybilt.com.

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