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What tools do I need?

Well.....

..... the right ones. That is, the right  
ones for YOU!



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Do you garden with pots.....



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.....if yes, then you need these.....

...one of these..

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.....and these.

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....and for sure these.....

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....and maybe this, my favorite tool.

This is the Cape Cod weeder, comes for left or right-handed gardeners.

I use it to weed, plant bulbs, break the surface soil after hard rains and work compost or fertilizer on established plants.





# Your garden is bigger than pots.

- You have above ground boxes



...or a lawn....

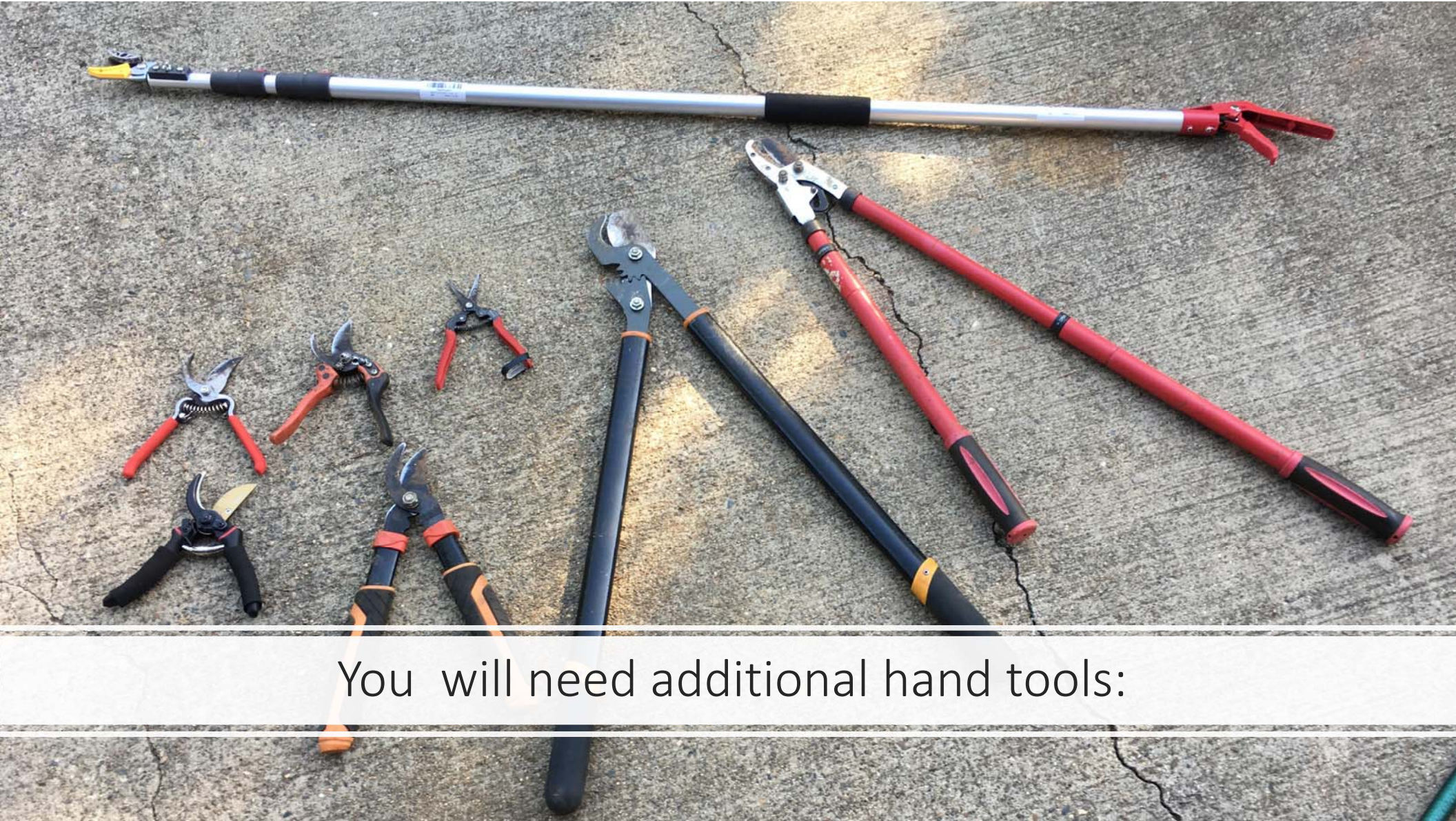


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.....or a flower garden.....





You will need additional hand tools:





You may  
need:

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Shovels



# Specialty Shovels:

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Rakes:

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# Specialty Rakes:

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# Cultivators:

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Another  
cultivator:

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# Tools to move rocks

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Battery  
Powered  
Tools:

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Blowers









# Wheelbarrows

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# Garden Carts

# Ladders:

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Kneelers

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# Lawnmowers

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Man powered

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Gas Powered

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Battery  
Powered



# The Big Times

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## Electrical Safety Outdoors

Electrical safety and water don't mix, so whether it's pouring from the heavens or there's still dew on the ground, don't use electrical equipment outdoors until it's dry.



Tips to stay safe  
when working  
outdoors with  
electrical  
equipment:

Use a Residual Current Device (RCD) also known as a GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) or GFI (Ground Fault Interrupter). This is a device that quickly breaks an electrical circuit to prevent serious harm from an electric shock.




Tips to stay safe  
when working  
outdoors with  
electrical  
equipment

- Be aware of where the electrical power cable is at all times.
- Never use electrical equipment in wet conditions.

# Electrical cords

- Suitable for outdoor use –weather resistant with moulded connections that prevent moisture seeping in
- Rated correctly to suit the equipment you want to connect to them
- Uncoiled, to prevent overheating
- Kept clean and free of damage
- Replaced if damage is done
- Used according to the manufacturer's instructions
- Positioned appropriately to prevent damage



## Tips to stay safe when working outdoors with electrical equipment

- Switch off and unplug electrical items before cleaning, adjusting or checking them.
- Store equipment in a dry, safe place and check that it hasn't been damaged or affected by water before using it.



# DO

- Read and understand all instructions
- Always wear qualified eye protection
- Wear proper clothing to protect feet, legs and other exposed parts of your body.
- Wear hearing protection devices
- Wear dust masks to filter out pollens and other irritants
- Wear gloves
- Keep children and pets away from the area you are working
- Contact a professional

# DO NOT

Wear loose or  
dangling clothing,  
neckties, scarves  
or jewelry

Wear opened-  
toed shoes or go  
barefoot or bare-  
legged

# NEVER

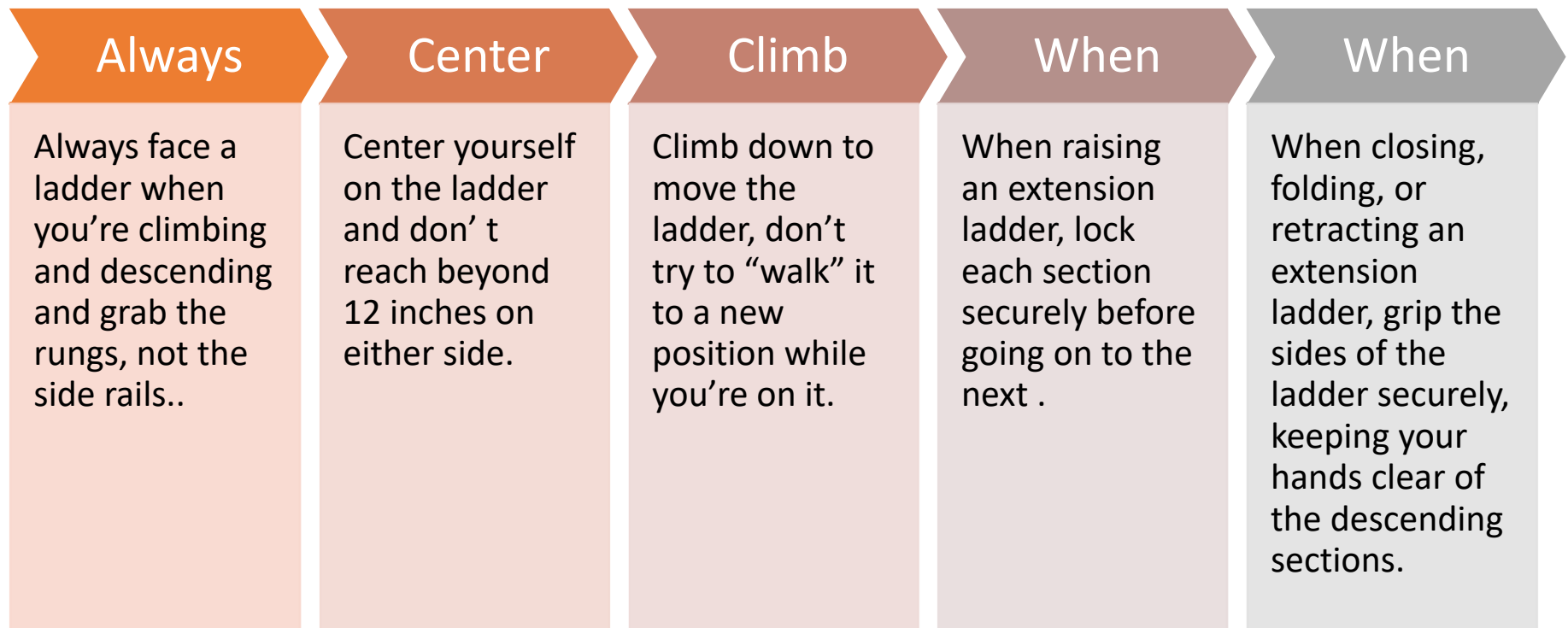
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Allow	Start	Refuel	Operate
Allow children to operate or play with power equipment	Start a gas powered tool in a shed or garage, where carbon monoxide exhaust gas can accumulate – IT CAN BE LETHAL	Refuel while the engine is running or hot	Operate power equipment while on a ladder

# Ladder safety


Place	Use	Avoid	Look out	Have	Stay off
Place your ladder on a firm, level surface, using leg-levelers if necessary. Don't put lumber, a rock, or other object under a ladder leg for leveling.	Use a stepladder only in its fully open, A-shaped position.	Avoid setting up near a doorway or other high traffic areas.	Look out for power lines.	Have a helper hold the base of the ladder.	Stay off the ladder's top step and the bucket shelf.

# Ladder safety





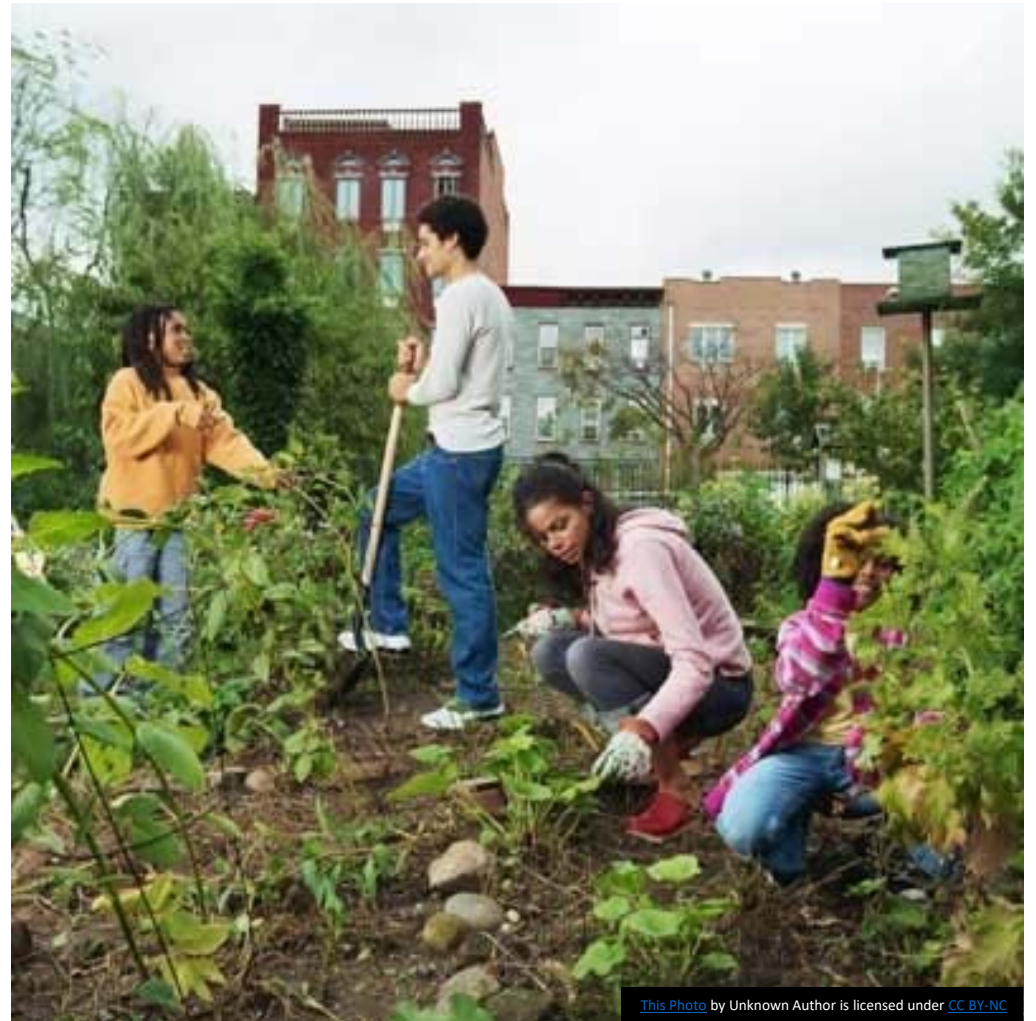
Be aware of all things in the garden.....



Are there any  
questions?

Any  
comments?

....and now  
go out in the  
garden and  
have fun!



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