



Secured five-gallon bucket holds weeds and/or trash. Photo by Darren Davis.

SUPER TIP

The Bucket List

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If you have read some of my previous “Super Tip” columns you know that I thoroughly enjoy visiting my peers at their place of employment, and as I have often stated, I would be hard-pressed to recall a visit/tour that I did not pick up a “Super Tip” or two.

On a recent tour of one of my contemporary’s courses, I spotted a rack of five-gallon buckets. I was told that each staff member was required to take his assigned bucket daily and fill it with a specified number of weeds. I liked the idea and decided to slightly



Two 1/4-inch eyebolts and a 21-inch strap with an S-hook secure the bucket. Photo by Darren Davis.

modify the concept for use at Olde Florida.

One of my concerns with storing the buckets outside was the potential for a water-filled bucket to become a mosquito breeding ground. I surmised that we could drill holes in the bottom of each bucket to release rainwater, but with the strong winds that often accompany storms I concluded that we might be continually picking up the buckets off the ground.

Another challenge I foresaw was how to keep the buckets from rolling around or bouncing out of the utility vehicles. My solution to these potential problems was to secure the five-gallon buckets in the bed of each of our Club Car utility vehicles.

The first step in securing the buckets

in the utility vehicles was to drill two 1/4-inch holes, 12 inches apart, in the side of the utility vehicle bed. In each hole a 1/4 x 20 stainless steel eyebolt was inserted with a stainless steel washer placed on each side of the bed.

The eyebolt was then fastened in place with a stainless steel nut. To hold the five-gallon bucket in place, a 21-inch EPDM strap with “S” hook ends is used. The cost of the hardware was less than \$4 per vehicle and the straps were less than \$2 each.

Another benefit to having the buckets in the utility vehicle beds is they can be used as trash cans, consequently keeping trash separate from grass clippings or other organic material placed in the beds of the utility vehicles.



Exterior view of the mounted bucket. Photo by Darren Davis.