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# **Best way to spray**

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Whether the job calls for spot
treating near delicate flowers or
broadcasting over acres of turf,
there is a sprayer for the job.

Backpack, mower-mounted, truck-mounted and self-propelled models are available. Several manufacturers offer spray shields to contain drift and assure accurate application of materials.

Most units, regardless of size, have a hose and nozzle for spot spraying. Be sure to check the comfort of that trigger mechanism on a spray gun before you buy. A long day with an uncomfortable or stiff trigger grip will cramp a worker's hand long before the back gives out.

#### AGRI-FAB 217/728-8388

#### www.agri-fab.com

Agri-Fab, Sullivan, IL, offers several 15-gal. sprayers. The spot sprayer runs on a 12-volt pump and generates up to 70 psi, moving 1 gpm. The tractor-mounted unit's output is 1.4 gpm at 70 psi. Its boom gives 80-in. spray width, or use the 12-ft. handgun hose.

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### BUSH HOG

#### 334-460-2595 www.bushhog.com

Sprayers from Bush Hog, Mobile, AL, fit popular vehicles and come in 200 and 300-gal. versions for PTO- or engine-drive. Sprayers have 4-way jet agitation, breakaway booms, antisiphon and nofoam filling and tree protection guards.

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#### C&S TURF CARE 888/673-5395

#### www.agrowingconcerninc.com

The Turf Tracker from C&S
Turf Care, Raleigh, NC, runs on a
20-hp Kohler engine and twin
hydrostatic drive for an application ground speed of 4
mph. Maneuverable zeroradius turning gets you
close to the work. Low-volume, low-pressure pump
sprays one to eight quarts per
minute. Rear-mounted breakaway boom allows nine different
spray widths.

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#### CHAMPION SPRAY SYSTEMS 800/825-7622

Aluminum spray rig from Champion, Pittsburg, CA, comes with ei-



#### Champion

ther a 50-gal. or 100-gal. poly tank, both with 10-in. fill wells. Hannay hose reel holds 300 feet of PVC spray hose linked to a PG-120 Champion spray gun with adjustable tip.

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#### buying tips

► If it's a backpack unit, what does it weigh? Can everyone on the team carry it for hours at a time?

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- ► Look at both gallons per minute and pressure – pressure is key to drive material into foliage.
- ► Check ability to agitate in the tank.
- ► Look at hose length, especially on mounted units.
- ► Check for positive seal at the top and spray hose.

#### CUSHMAN 888/922-TURF

#### www.textron.com

New SprayTek DS-300 sprayer from Textron Turf Care, Racine, WI, has Turf-Truckster chassis components and is powered by a 34-hp liquid-cooled Suzuki gas engine. Mechanical ground speed governor works with the spray booms for precise coverage. The 300-gal. tank has a 10-gal. deep suction pump, venturi jet agitators and 15- or 20-ft. booms.

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#### JOHN DEERE 919/850-0123

#### www.deere.com

From the 6-gal. integral mount sprayer to the 25-gal. portable unit, John Deere Commercial



#### John Deere

Division, Research Triangle Park, NC, has a sprayer for all needs. Smaller unit attaches to riding mower and has plenty of hose for reach. The 25-gal. unit has four rubber feet bolted to the bottom to protect and stabilize it when placed in a cart or other vehicle.

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#### EARTH & TURF 800/693-2638

#### www.earthandturf.com

Earth & Turf, New Holland, PA, offers a 25-gal. spray system with heavy duty Shurr Flo pump with tractor-mounted on/off control. Stainless steel tips and strainers with 2-lb. ball check valves offer positive on/off performance, eliminating dripping. Boom has 90-in. spray width.

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#### JACTO 800/522-8610

#### www.jacto.com

The CD550 knapsack sprayer from Jacto, Tualatin, OR, is the first with a fully internal piston pump. Rated at 5.5 gal., it has an operating pressure of 15 to 65 psi and an internal mechanical agitator for constant mixing. Anatomical shape fits operator's back.

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#### ECHO INC. 800/432-ECHO

The MS-100 backpack sprayer from Echo, Lake Zurich, IL, has a 4.5-gal. tank for applications of



Echo

large amounts of liquid. Equipped with a durable sealed piston and diaphragm pump, it is treated with UV inhibitors for longer life. Comes with 24-in. brass wand, adjustable brass nozzle, spray pistol and check valve.

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#### GEARMORE, INC. 909/548-4848

#### gearmore2@earthlink.net

Compact 50-gal. sprayers from Gearmore, Chino, CA, offer a special diaphragm pump for



#### Gearmore

high volumes at high pressure. Available in trailer, 3-pt. hitch or skid-mounted designs, sprayers are powered by motors or are PTO-driven. The skid unit nestles nicely into the back of smaller pick-up trucks.

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#### JONATHAN GREEN 800/526-2303

#### www.jonathangreen.com

The Yard Tender 20 is a 2-gal., hand-held sprayer available through Jonathan Green, Farmingdale, NJ. It can spray continuously for 10 minutes and is made of heavy-gauge aluminum with a polyethylene tank. Designed for gravity flow, it drains from the bottom.

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#### KROMER CO. 800/373-0337

The self-propelled sprayer from Kromer, Mound, MN, has a hydrostatic transmission for forward/reverse with a single foot pedal control and can come with four sizes of spray booms.

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#### LESCO 800/321-5325

Check out the poly and fiberglass 50 to 300-gal. sprayers from Lesco, Rocky River, OH. All are powered by Honda engines, with optional 12-volt silent spray pump for the 50-, 10- and 200-gal. poly units. All poly and the 100-gal. fiberglass unit have adjustable brass, triple-jet agitator to keep solutions mixed.

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#### MACKISSIC, INC. 610-495-7181

The Mighty Mac sprayers from MacKissic, Parker Ford, PA, come on large, wide-tread wheels that won't mar lawns. Five models range from the 14-gal. tow-behind PS 514T to the 50-gal. PS350T and PS350T-10. Tanks have pistol-grip guns for fine mists or hard streams. Circle #280

#### MARUYAMA 425-885-0811

Model MS-068 backpack sprayer from Maruyama, Redmond, WA, discharges 1.6 gpm at 362 psi, with a 6.1-gal tank. The MS-036 weighs 15.6 lbs., and discharges 1.6 gpm at pressure up to 170 psi. Both have a 2-cycle 22.5-cc engine.

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#### MASTER MANUFACTURING 712/258-0108

The TC2502 (30 gal.) and TC5502 (55 gal.) Turf Choice sprayers from Master Manufacturing, Sioux City, IA, are built on a steel frame with noncorrosive poly tank and flotation tires. They come with adjustable nozzle trigger gun. Circle #282

#### MTD PRO 330/225-2600

#### www.mtdpro.com

Large-capacity tank sprayers from MTD Products, Inc., Cleveland, OH, are powered by 4-hp. Kawasaki engines. The SY200 has a 200-gal., high-impact polyethylene or fiberglass tank. It delivers 14 gpm at 550 psi.

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#### PECO 800/438-5823

The Power Sprayer from PeCo, Inc., Arden, NC, has aluminum and brass parts, oversized wheels and wide-mouth 5-gal. removable tank. See liquid levels in clear tank. Circle #284

#### PERMA-GREEN SUPREME 800/346-2001

The Ride-On Sprayer/Spreader from Perma-Green, Crown Point, IN, treats an acre in 15 minutes. Unit moves at 4.5 mph and sprays a 9-ft. swath. It fits through a 36-in. gate. Circle #285

#### PROLAWN 800/292-3628

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#### ROGERS INNOVATIVE 888/975-8294

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#### SHINDAIWA 800/521-7733

Shindaiwa's Model SP415 is made of high density, UV-protected polyethylene to resist most chemicals. It comes with four spray nozzles and padded shoulder straps.

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#### SMITHCO 610/688-4009 www.smithco.com

Spray Star 1000 turf sprayer from Smithco, Wayne, PA, controls ground speed and application rates via hydraulic tight-turn power steering. All have stability and three spray control options. Circle #289

#### SMUCKER 800-333-4503

#### www.smucker.net

The Top Gun line of ATV-mounted sprayers from Smucker Manufacturing, Harrisburg, OR, is available with 5-ft. boom with 4 tips or 12-ft. boom with 8 tips. Units have diaphragm pumps with Viton seals.

Circle #290

#### SOLO, INC. 757/245-4228

#### www.solo-germany.com

The Accu-Sprayer line from Solo, Sindelfingen, Germany, consists of quality manual high-pressure sprayers and backpack sprayers. The Solo 457 is a 7.5-liter unit weighing about 5.75 lbs. dry, which comes with a spray wand. Circle #291

#### TRI-CON INC. 800/448-2486

Check out the products from Tri-Con, Cleveland, OH. Some attachments are the S-125 adjustable nozzle water spray gun which can be used with the 824 extension wand. Circle #292

#### WESTHEFFER CO., INC. 800/362-3110

#### www.westheffer.com

Westheffer, Lawrence, KS, has enclosed bodies for sprayers. Choose an 8-ft. body for standard 1-ton pickup chassis or the 12-ft. body for a 1-ton chassis. Both have rugged construction, fold-down spray doors and roll-up rear cargo doors.

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#### WHEEL SPRAY CORP. 262/646-8640

#### www.wheelspray.home.att.net

The WS-485 Grounds Wheelie from Wheel Spray, Delafield, WI, has motorless application; twin wheel pumps; easy-to-push rubber tires, steel frame, 6-gal. tank. Circle #294