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Living on the edge

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Just as a bit of starch accents the clean lines in a shirt, a sharp cut accents the edges where grass meets a path or flower bed.

At Evergreen Landscapes Inc., Newbury, OH, Dan Harb figures his edger paid for itself and made him money the first year. "I was looking for something that cuts a nice edge," Harb says. His choice was the Trenchmaster (see page 49).

"If you try to do it by hand, everyone's edge turns out looking different. With a machine, it is nice and uniform," Harb continues.

In addition to improving aesthetics, Harb wanted to speed up a labor-consuming job. "The machine costs a lot of money," he admits, "but with less labor required, it paid for itself in less than a season. If you don't do a lot of edges and beds, it might not pay back as fast."

Still, both he and his customers are impressed with the sharpness of the cuts the unit produces — and that makes for a good, long-term business relationship.

Check out the edgers below to find one that will put a crisp border around your jobs.

ARDISAM, INC.
800/345-6007

www.ardisam.com

Both the K286B and the K226B edgers from Ardisam, Cumberland, WI, are powered by 3.5-hp Briggs & Stratton engines. Each has adjustable cutting heights from 0 to 4 in. and feature cutting



angle adjustment. Frames are solid steel, and the robot head adjusts from horizontal to vertical. The 286 has dual steel hub wheels for extra stability. The 226 has a single front wheel; at 65 lbs., it is 2 lbs. lighter than the 286.

Circle #260

BLUEBIRD INTERNATIONAL
800/808-BIRD

www.bluebirdintl.com

Cut sod quickly and efficiently with the SC-18 from Bluebird, Denver, CO. The unit has the same 4-wheel drive power of the



**XT120SE stick edger
from John Deere**

- ▶ **Create nice and uniform edges; jobs done by hand all turn out different**
- ▶ **Speed up a labor-intensive job**
- ▶ **Make more money, especially if you edge a lot of beds and lawns**

older version, but features improved transmission design. A depth control knob offers consistent cut. Anti-vibration folding handle makes unit easy on the operator. Comes with 5-speed transmission, including two transport speeds, two cutting speeds and power reverse.

Circle #261

BROWN MANUFACTURING
800/633-8909

www.brownmfgcorp.com

The Trenchmaster line from Brown, Ozark, AL, will trench up to 7 in. deep and 2 in. wide with



the 100-lb. F-702; or a full foot deep and 3 in. wide with the 210-lb. F1201. The Bed Edger models, including the 8-hp F-780H and 9-hp F-990H, feature Honda engines, steerable wheels and interchangeable rotors for versatility with landscape or trenching jobs. Units edge 10 to 30 ft. per minute or trench 7 to 30 ft. per minute.

Circle #262

CARSWELL DISTRIBUTING
800/929-1948

www.carswelldist.com

The Robin BE221 Precision Edger distributed by Carswell, Winston-Salem, NC, weighs just 12.6 lbs. It is powered by a 21.7 cc engine and draws fuel from a 17-oz. tank. Unit has solid state ignition, a loop handle and a 57-in. flex

shaft. The BE221 can be fitted with two-toothed blade accessory. Overall dimensions are 69 in. long, 13 in. wide and 12 high.

Circle #263

JOHN DEERE
800/537-8233

www.deere.com

Put the finishing touches on the job with the XT120SE stick edger from John Deere, Research Triangle Park, NC. Large, 9-in. blade, angled shaft and wide guide wheels make maneuvering along curbs, sidewalks and landscaped areas easy. This unit has a 1.2-hp Deere M-Series engine. It has a 54-in. flex shaft and a cutting depth of 2.5 in. Smaller cylinders with thinner fins help dissipate heat faster. Lined clutches and intake silencers mean quiet working.

Circle #264

HUSQVARNA
800/GET-SAWS

www.husqvarna.com

Two new edgers from Husqvarna, Charlotte, NC, feature the E-tech engine which runs stronger and cleaner. The 322E has a 24.5 cc engine that develops 0.9 hp with a maximum no-load rpm of 11,000. The 325EX has a 22 cc engine that develops 1.2 hp at 11,000 rpm. Both have noise ranges of 96 to 102 dBA, 1.3 pint fuel capacity and weigh about 11.5 lbs. Sturdy guard above the blade prevents stoppage due to gravel and soil. Both have isolated support wheels and quick-cutting depth edges.

Circle #265

LESCO, INC.
800/321-5325

The LHE-2500 Stick Edger from Lesco, Rocky River, OH, is a fast

unit designed for the professional turf care market. It has easy-



to-use wheel height adjustment for controlling edging

depth, rubber debris flap to minimize material kick-back, and large rubber gauge wheel for good tracking. The 8-in. blade is powered by a 25.6 cc engine with dual-ring pistons and anti-vibration mount.

Circle #266

LITTLE WONDER
877/596-6337

www.littlewonder.com

The Xtra from Little Wonder, Southampton, PA, is a hybrid stick/walk-behind unit with the maneuverability of a stick edger and the power of a wheeled edger. It weighs just 16 lbs. Its



cross-blade system cuts through the thickest overgrown grass quickly and neatly. Unit has 6-position height adjustment and a 6-in. wheel that carries the machine's weight. It is powered by a 34cc 2-cycle gas engine.

Circle #267

REDMAX
800/291-8251

www.redmax.com

New for this fall is the HEZ2500 stick edger from RedMax-Komatsu Zenoah, Norcross, GA. Powered by the Strato-Charged Carb Tier II certified 25-4 cc 2-cycle engine, it is a low-emission, lightweight, high-powered edger. It runs a third longer on a tank of fuel-mix than the standard 2-cycle engines. Shaft is solid steel. Guide wheel, with steel ball bearings, is adjustable.

Circle #268

SALSCO, INC.
800/872-5726

www.salsco.com

Cut a cart path edge or create a new bed with the Model 09043 from Salsco, Cheshire, CT. Unit is powered by a 13-hp Honda engine with oil alert and hydrostatic forward/reverse. Options for cutting include the V-Groove that cuts to 9 in. for new beds or trenching, straight edge for narrow trench work, and combined Sod-Buster and Dish-type blades to break up sod. Optional brush mower deck is interchangeable with cutter deck by removing six bolts.

Circle #269

SCAG POWER EQUIPMENT
920/387-1000

Lightweight and compact, this edger from Scag, Mayville, WI, features a 10-in. milled-edge blade for deeper edging and longer life. Unit is constructed of 1/4 in. x 1 1/4 in. bar stock for strength. It has no moveable parts near the drive head, no springs, and no sliding booms or tilt quadrant to wear out. Powered by a 3.5-hp Briggs engine with Dura-Bore cast



iron cylinder sleeve. Features specially designed handle bars and dual engagement levers.

Circle #270

TANAKA

253/333-1200

www.tanakapowerequipment.com

Check out the TLE-550 walk-behind edger from Tanaka, Kent, WA. It features a 50 cc, 2.5-hp engine with transistorized elec-

tronic ignition and Walbro carburation. The 10-in. cutter blade runs to 3-in. maximum depth and is controlled from the handle to nine cutting depths. Also available are portable edgers, the TPE-2510 with 24 cc, 1.3-hp engine; and the TPE270PF with 26 cc, 1.4-hp engine. Both have 8-in. blades and a 3-in. cutting depth.

Circle #271

TRU-CUT

323/258-4135

The Pro-Series power lawn edgers from Tru-Cut, Los Angeles, CA,



feature four Honda-powered models ranging from 2.5 hp to 4.0 hp. Units come with throttle lever and clutch depth controls at top of handle. Comfort hand grips make it easy to work all day. Blade is a 10-in. x 2-in. steel cutter. Strong protective belt and blade guards have an easily replaceable debris deflector. All models come with an all-steel, heavy-duty welded frame.

Circle #272

WALKER MFG.

800/279-8537

www.walkermowers.com

Edge at 3 to 4 mph with the Stevens Coultter Blade Edger at-



tachment for mowers made by Walker Manufacturing, Fort Collins, CO. The self-tracking coultter disk is mounted on a swing arm to smoothly and quickly trim grass along the concrete edge of sidewalks, curbs and cart paths. There are big labor savings, less mess, and no flying debris. Simple mechanical blade engagement, quick-mount bracket on the tractor, self-sharpening blade, and single hitch pin height adjustment make it easy to use.

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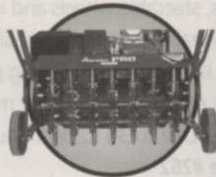
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