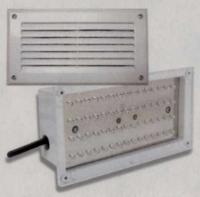


TOOLS OF THE TRADE



Step right up

The new Step n Tow swing-out step allows easy access to a pick-up bed or roof racks. Designed to fit any standard 2-in. receiver, it features a durable galvanized, powdercoated finish and an 18-in., 90-degree, swing-out nonskid rubber footed step. It also becomes a versatile winch-mounting platform with the addition of the winch-mounting block. The step will satisfy any standard two-bolt mounting pattern with winches as heavy as 3,000-lb. capacity. StepnTow.com or 860/935-0121



Architectural detailing

Orbit/Evergreen added new models to an expanding series of 12v and 120v LED step lights. The long-lasting, energy-efficient outdoor luminaires are designed for use in entryways, decks, outdoor walkways and garden patios. The series includes 18, 40, 42, 48 and 60 LED lamps with .064W output per lamp. The LEDs have a 10-year life expectancy. Cover plate options include circular, horizontal and vertical designs with louvered, hooded and frosted glass faces. www.orbitelectric.com or 800/90-ORBIT

Prune in comfort

Corona Clipper's two new Long-Reach Pruners are designed to make pruning faster, easier and safer. The TP 3206 (pictured) and TP 3212 feature a Dual Arc blade with 1.25-in. cutting capacity that "bites" into branches or stems then slices them for cutting precision. A 360-degree rotating head makes it possible for both models to cut branches and stems from almost any position. The TP 3206 is about 5 ft. long, while the TP 3212 telescopes from 7 ft. to 12 ft. In addition to all the features of the TP 3206, the TP 3212 features a handsaw accessory for removing larger limbs and a positive lock to eliminate pole slippage for a safer, more precise cut. www.coronaclipper.com or 800/847-7863

SPOTLIGHT PRUNERS

PRODUCT

Snow support

Profits Unlimited's Snow & Ice Management Quick Estimator CD calculates plowing time, material application rates for liquid and granular products and hand labor time. Created by Wayne Volz, a snow industry professional, the Excel spreadsheet program can create a professional proposal fast, taking the guesswork out of estimates. Users can calculate per push and per event or seasonal contract pricing. www.profitsareus.com or 800/845-0499



PRODUCTS



PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT PRUNERS

On a roll

The handle on Fiskars' PowerGear Pruners (model 7941) rolls to follow a user's hand's natural clenching motion. The pruners reduce stress and fatigue and multiply cutting force, the manufacturer says. With a lifetime warranty and a cutting capacity of 3/4-in., the pruners' sharp, precision-ground blade edge is corrosion resistant, nonstick and replaceable. The product won the Arthritis Foundation's Ease-of-Use Commendation and is recommended for users who suffer from arthritis, rheumatism and carpal tunnel syndrome. www.fiskars.com or 800/500-4849



Beauty and brawn

Who says tall walls have to be ugly? Versa-Lok's versatile and award-winning Mosaic retaining walls give commercial properties increased curb appeal while meeting the highest engineering standards. www.versa-lok.com or 800/770-4525

ProLine

PROLINE SHOVEL

The new ProLineShovel enables users to dig small numbers of trees quickly, easily and safely to ball and burlap them or transplant them directly to another location on site. The shovel is shaped like onethird of a standard, hydraulic tree spade and allows the operator to make two or three thrusts around the base of the tree to extract a uniformly shaped rootball. The nose design prevents it from slipping off and around tree roots as happens with shovels having a more pointed nose. The shovel is available in full and mini-skid sizes. prolinegrabber.com or 888-288-5308

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