

EDGE YOUR LANDSCAPE WITH A POWER EDGER

Skill Level: BEGINNER These how-to's are suitable for people who are new to DIY and who have a basic knowledge of tools. If you've painted a room or re-potted a plant, you can probably complete one of these projects by yourself in a few hours or less.

✓ MATERIALS

- Lawn Edger (gas or electric)
- Power Source (gasoline, electric cord, electric battery)
- Replacement Parts (monofilament lines or blades)
- Adjustment Tools (as indicated by manufacturer)
- Ear Protection
- Safety Glasses
- Work Gloves

Looking to give your lawn a finished, professional appearance? A power lawn edger will give your landscape a well-manicured look, without taking a lot of time or effort. Selection and operation is easy.



PREPARATION

A lawn edger helps remove weeds and trims grass that grows over sidewalks, patios, driveways and curbs. And it's helpful for getting a professional, sharp edge around flower beds, gardens and other landscape features. Edging isn't difficult and it doesn't have to be done weekly—every other mowing typically is enough. Selecting the best lawn edger may seem daunting as there are many types, sizes and uses; however, a Lowe's associate can assist in choosing a unit that fits your specific needs and budget. Following are some guidelines.

- Lawn edgers are powered either by gasoline engines or electrical motors.
 - Gas engines are either 4-cycle (larger with more power) or 2-cycle (smaller and easier to handle).
 - Electric-powered lawn edgers can be corded (requires an extension cord) or cordless (battery powered).
- Cutting is done with either monofilament line, a 2- or 3-tip blade, or a circular cutting wheel.
- For trimming near curbs or flower beds, consider a unit with a **curb hop option**. To make beveling the lawn edge easier, consider a unit with a **bevel adjustment**. (Find more details later in these instructions.)



IMPORTANT

Before you operate a power lawn edger, thoroughly read the manufacturer's operating manual for specific guidance and safety tips. If you have additional questions, contact the manufacturer directly. For general questions on lawn edger use and lawn care, discuss the job with a Lowe's associate or call a professional for help.

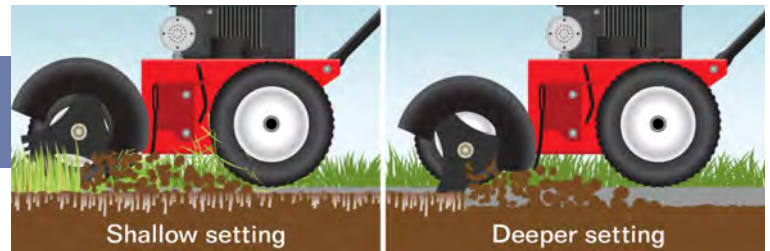
PREPARATION (cont.)

- **SAFETY:** For safe operation of a power lawn edger, read the owner's manual. Become familiar with the controls and safety guidelines. Always wear closed-toe shoes, long sleeves, long pants, ear protection and safety glasses when operating.
 - The blade on a power lawn edger is capable of throwing objects, so also make sure the safety guards are in place and everyone stands back when the edger is running. Be especially sure that children and pets aren't near the work area. Also, keep the blade from making contact with concrete, asphalt, rocks or utility lines, such as landscape lighting wires.

When using a power lawn edger, always begin cutting at a shallow setting, make several passes to cut a line, then adjust to a deeper setting.

Shallow settings are required for clay or hard-packed soil.

- For longer turf or thick warm-weather grasses, start with a shallow setting and repeat with a deeper setting. This will cut the grass roots to slow or stop regrowth.



POWER LAWN EDGER OPERATION

The following instructions refer to using a gas-powered lawn edger. Modify as needed for an electric-powered lawn edger. All edgers work similarly, depending on options.

- 01 Position the lawn edger near your starting point.**
 - To get an even cut, run the wheels of the edger on the concrete (or other smooth surface) side of your edging project whenever possible. Where there is no hard surface, you can run it on grass or planting beds.
- 02 Set the depth control at START, or at the shallowest setting, following the manufacturer's directions.**
- 03 Press the primer bulb the recommended number of times, then pull the starter rope with your right hand.**
 - On some edgers you have to squeeze the blade control to start and keep the engine running. To stop the machine, release the blade control handle.
- 04 Slowly cut into the grass and work along the path, moving the machine back and forth. Keep the blade close to, but not touching, the concrete or patio.**
- 05 After cutting a line, adjust to a deeper setting, and go over the edge again. Take it slow and let the machine do the work.**
 - **CAUTION:** Before making any adjustments to a power lawn edger, *first turn off the engine*. Make the adjustment, then restart the engine and resume cutting.





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- 06** If the lawn edger includes a curb hop option to cut along roads, turn off the machine and lower the rear curb hop wheel so it makes contact with the curb. Start up the unit and cut the line.
- 07** To trim lawn edges along garden beds or other natural areas that meet grass, keep the wheels on the grass, and move slowly to cut a neat line.
- 08** To trim the lawn edge at an angle, called bevel edging, use a bevel adjustment, if available on the unit.
- TIP:** Some power lawn edgers include a trenching blade that makes burying electrical lines or sprinkler lines much easier. If equipped, follow the manufacturer's directions for installing and using the trenching blade.



LAWN EDGER CARE

Let the lawn edger cool down before storing it. To clean the machine, use a brush to remove clippings and debris. Do not spray the unit with water or other cleaners as they may damage it. Store your lawn edger somewhere dry and out of reach of children and possible damage.

Maintenance is an important part of relying on a lawn edger for many years of service. Check the owner's manual for the suggested maintenance schedule. To maintain a gas-powered lawn edger:

- Check the condition of the line, blade or cutting wheel before every use.
- Fill the fuel tank and check the oil before every use.
- Check and refill or replace the cutting line as needed before every use.
- Change the oil (4-cycle engine only) and clean the spark plug arresstor after the first 10 hours of use, then every 25 hours after that.
- Check and re-oil or replace the air filter every 10 hours of operation.
- Check the spark plug condition and verify the gap every 25 hours.

Enhance your home's curb appeal by using a lawn edger to help keep a neat and well-manicured lawn. To learn about other easy and practical outdoor projects, visit [Lowe's.com/Videos](https://www.lowes.com/Videos).



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