Rototillers

Today on Gardening in a Minute: the rototiller.

A rotary tiller, or rototiller, is a machine that breaks the soil up by using rotating blades.

Use a rototiller for heavy or compacted soils before you plant new sod or start a new garden. It will aerate and loosen the soil and eliminate the need for heavy digging.

The most common type of home garden rototiller is a self-contained tool, powered either by gasoline or electricity. These must be "walked" or pushed over and through the soil. Some rototiller units can also be mounted to a tractor for pull-behind use.

You can purchase a rototiller or rent one for single-use applications, such as renovating a garden bed.

Try a rototiller this gardening season and see how much it can help you with your gardening chores!

For more information about rototillers and many other gardening topics, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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