Winterizing Power Equipment

Today on Gardening in a Minute: winterizing power equipment.

A little maintenance now will protect your power equipment throughout the winter and ensure it starts in the spring.

Make sure the equipment you plan on storing is in good working condition. Fuel should be drained completely. If you decide not to drain the fuel because you may occasionally need to use the machine, add a fuel stabilizer.

Change the oil and oil filters. Take a look at hydraulic fluids and wear points for excessive damage. Check for worn tires that might need replacing, and replace any worn out bearings, batteries, spark plugs, or air filters.

Once you’ve performed all necessary repairs on your equipment and attended to the fuel, it’s time to stow it away. Make sure that all the items are covered so that they stay dry.

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

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