

## GARDEN CLIPPINGS

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### BEST NEW GLOVES

## In the ballpark

If you are accustomed to watching Frank Thomas or Mark Prior at the plate, the new Bionic Gardening Gloves will look familiar.

The unusually form-fitting and supportive gloves, made of washable sheepskin with stretchy, breathable neoprene inserts at the joints, are a takeoff on batting gloves, according to Vickie Boisseau, director of sales and marketing for the Bionic Glove division of Hillerich & Bradsby Co. That is the Kentucky-based manufacturer of the Louisville Slugger baseball bat and other sporting goods.

The gardening gloves, designed in consultation with an orthopedic surgeon, have padding to prevent blisters at the spots where the hand meets a shovel or hoe and a hook-and-loop closure to seal tight around the wrist and keep out dirt or mulch. They feel a little like support hose.

With a range of sizes for men and women, they cost \$39.99, plus shipping and handling, from [www.gardensalive.com](http://www.gardensalive.com) or [www.bionicgloves.com](http://www.bionicgloves.com).