

## Easy Gardening

### Bionic Gloves, Cool Tools for Your Garden



**April 21** — Whether you're a serious gardener who is already tilling the soil for your prize-winning tomatoes, or a weekend green thumb who just likes to putter among your petunias, spring weather means it's time to break out your gardening tools.

This year, simple and chic gardens are in, and over-the-top looks are out, according to Rebecca Kolls, *Good Morning America's* gardening contributor. In the tool shed, rechargeable tools are replacing the type that run on gasoline. The Contractor's Super Shovel (\$44.95, [gardeners.com](http://gardeners.com)), has knife-sharp teeth at the bottom that allows shovel users to slice through roots, rocky soil and baked clay, cutting back on fatigue.

For patio furniture, there is a move toward faux furniture, made from recycled plastics. If you prefer wood furniture, there are also new options. Instead of traditional teak, the wood most often used for outdoor furniture, manufacturers are moving toward balau, an alternative hardwood with golden highlights that comes from Southeast Asia.

There are also some products to help make gardening easier on the body. Gel knee pads protect the kneecap by dispersing the pressure to the rest of the knee and leg. Bionic Gloves, made of sheepskin, have padding on the thumb, fingers and palm to help reduce calluses, blisters, vibration and hand fatigue. Both the gloves and the gel knee pads cost \$40 ([gardenscapetools.com](http://gardenscapetools.com))

Here is a full list of the products:

#### Gloves

- Bionic Gloves, [gardenscapetools.com](http://gardenscapetools.com)
- Sun Grip, [createagarden.com](http://createagarden.com)
- Tool Grips gloves, [createagarden.com](http://createagarden.com)
- Ultimate Rose Gloves, [seedsofchange.com](http://seedsofchange.com)
- Washable leather gloves, [gardeners.com](http://gardeners.com)
- Waterproof Glove with Sure Grip, [gardeners.com](http://gardeners.com)
- Weeders/latex free, [createagarden.com](http://createagarden.com)

#### Battery/Electric Powered Tools

- 12" Trimmer/Edger, [blackanddecker.com](http://blackanddecker.com)
- 22" Hedge Trimmer, [blackanddecker.com](http://blackanddecker.com) ■ Broom/Hard Surface sweeper, [blackanddecker.com](http://blackanddecker.com)
- Cordless Reel Mower, [gardeners.com](http://gardeners.com)
- Electric Cultivator, [Yardiac.com](http://Yardiac.com)
- Lightweight Electric Tiller, [gardeners.com](http://gardeners.com)
- Deluxe garden cart [2vertex.com](http://2vertex.com)