

Favorite Garden Tools

- Hori-hori: Japanese soil knife, used for weeding and planting. Easily pry weeds out of the ground with this handy tool
 - ARS and Okasune Pruners: Both brands are lightweight and easy to use. Needle-nose are great for general pruning of perennials. Bypass pruners are best for larger branches on shrubs and trees. AM Leonard is a good comparison site for pruning tools, but better priced on Amazon.com. Many gardeners recommend Felco pruners, but I find that they are heavy and harder on the hands
 - Tool Carrier: Use tool carrier of your choice. May be purchased at any home improvement store in the tool section. Keep garden tools, sanitizer, paper towels, twine, etc. handy while working in your garden. Always keep tools sanitized and dry. Tools used in and around soil should always be kept separate from tools used on upper portions of plants
 - Baskets: Keep small baskets throughout the garden. Pull weeds as needed (when they are very small) and place in baskets. Simply empty on trash day
 - Tub Trug: Name brand, but may be purchased at Aldi or TJ Max for less. Flexible tubs have several uses in the garden, but is mainly used for weeding. Your Hori-hori is easily attached using the clip-on sheathe
 - The Little Dragon: Weed burner great for weeds that pop up in hardscape. Be sure to take care when using close to plants as heat can damage foliage
 - Weed sickle: This little tool is great for cracks and weeding along hardscape and plants
 - Bosai hook and rake: Useful to tease roots when planting. Helps eliminate girdling roots
- Note: Keep an inexpensive pair of pruners with Bonsai hook and rake for using in and around soil*
- Gloves: Atlas gloves are, in my opinion, are the best gloves and may be purchased at local garden centers or on Amazon.com