



# Garden Roller

The rules and procedures in force where people are at work may require the person responsible for this equipment to carry out a specific risk assessment. This leaflet is not a substitute for a properly executed risk assessment.

## Read all of this leaflet and any others issued, BEFORE using the Garden Roller

1. This roller is very heavy: take great care to avoid injury by avoiding straining to move it.
2. Take care not to crush hands or feet.
3. The garden roller is designed to level and flatten, and to gently compact, lawns and other garden surfaces.
4. The action of this garden roller can cause injury or damage if not used in a careful and controlled way.
5. If the operator has not used a garden roller before, they should familiarise themselves with it and the hazards it presents before starting work.
6. The worked should be thought out and planned ahead to make sure it is always carried out safely.
7. The following items of personal protective equipment must be worn as a minimum: Safety Boots to EN345 or BS1870/4972; Gloves.
8. This garden roller must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
9. This garden roller is designed for operation by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it.



## BEFORE STARTING WORK – WORK AREA

1. Make sure that the work area is clear and safe and that no-one is nearby or could cause a distraction.
2. Protect other people from injury. Warn others to keep away.
3. Check and clear the area of stones and other debris that could be squashed into the ground.

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## OPERATORS

1. The following items of personal protective equipment (ppe) are the minimum that should be worn whenever the garden roller is used.
2. Safety Boots must be worn (En345 or BS1870/4972).
3. Anybody who is working nearby will also need to wear appropriate protective equipment.

## GARDEN ROLLER

1. Check the garden roller. If anything is found damaged, it must not be used – contact the hire company.
2. This roller will help to level out small undulations in a garden. It will also gently compact the top surface, but not to any depth. It will not level out large lumps and bumps.
3. If the roller has to be filled with water before use, a safe convenient place must be identified to both fill and empty it. Clean water must be used.
4. Care must be taken; a heavy roller can be difficult to control and stop.
5. Before the garden roller is used all operations and controls must be fully understood.

## USING THE EQUIPMENT

1. Safety boots and gloves must be worn.
2. The roller must always be gripped fully with two hands whilst in use.
3. On gentle slopes it will be easier to pull the roller up the slope and push it down the slope.
4. Do not try to work up or down steep slopes: control of the roller may be lost. Work should be carried out across these slopes.
5. The roller should not be left unattended on a slope: it may start to roll away. A chock must be used to secure it.
6. The roller should not be left standing in one place on tarmac or softer surfaces; it will leave an indentation.
7. The water should be emptied from the roller after use.
8. If the equipment does not work properly, do not attempt to repair it. Contact the hire company.

**Keep this leaflet in a safe place until work is finished as it may need to be referred to again.**

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