

Choosing The Right Mower For Your Lawn

(NAPSA)—It's no longer as simple as deciding between a push mower and a riding mower. Buying a lawn mower can be an intimidating task, but knowing where to shop and what to look for can put you in the driver's seat.

Your best bet is to visit a servicing dealer who not only sells but services equipment. Knowledgeable people will help you determine the best piece of equipment to maintain your lawn.

For starters, John Bailey, business unit manager for Husqvarna, offers these insightful guidelines to help cut to the chase:

- Generally, a lawn of one acre or more will require the use of a riding mower. If you have a lot of yard tasks, you may want to consider a garden tractor, which can range in power from 14-25 horsepower and offer many accessories, including snow blowers, baggers, aerators and dethatchers—making it a versatile machine for your dollar.

- Do you have a lot of trees and landscaping? A near zero-turn riding mower can save a step on the trim work. Husqvarna's FlexDrive™ on the Rider 16H offers articulating steering to maneuver around trees, flower beds and even swing sets—circling an 8-inch tree with the ease of a Go-Kart. "Popular Mechanics magazine even chose this mower as tops in its class due to ease of operation and the no-tools flip-up deck for cleaning and blade maintenance," said Bailey.

- For yards under an acre, a walk-behind mower can offer a



variety of options to get the job done. If your yard has steep terrain or you plan to mulch, consider a higher horsepower, self-propelled model in the 6.5 hp range. In addition, three-in-one mowers offer the versatility to mulch, bag or discharge, depending on your needs. "A hot new feature called 'brake blade clutch' allows you to release the handle for a moment to remove debris from your mowing path, then return to cutting without having to re-start the engine," added Bailey.

- And last, for the time compressed looking to put more fun and frolic into their weekends, consider having the lawn cut itself. Husqvarna's Auto Mower™ can be programmed to automatically cut, re-charge and cut again, while you're relaxing on the golf course or at the beach with the family.

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