

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

As Flurries Grow Into Feet, Don't Be Left Out In The Cold

(NAPSA)—With weather forecasters predicting yet another blustery winter, now is the time to plan how you'll keep your driveway and sidewalks snow-free.

To help you prepare for the pending blowing and drifting, MTD Products Inc has teamed with Patrick Campbell, managing director of Syracuse University's Carrier Dome, to create these seasonal snow-removal tips. Averaging more than nine feet of snow a year, Syracuse, New York, is America's snowiest city. And, Campbell oversees the snow removal from the parking lots and sidewalks surrounding the Dome.

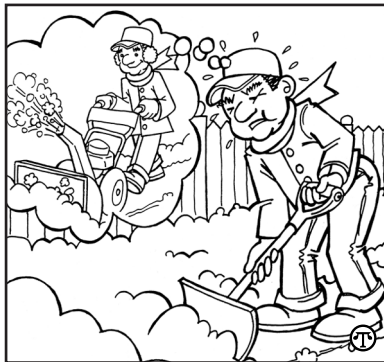
When the flurries start to fly, Campbell advises:

Add a Little Power

Clearing snow around your home doesn't have to be backbreaking work. The crew that reports to Campbell relies on more than a dozen pieces of power equipment to get the job done. Although many of us swear by a trusty shovel or broom, adding power equipment to your snow-clearing arsenal can help alleviate heavy lifting and speed up the snow removal process. A dependable snow thrower won't break the bank, either. Durable units start as low as \$350.

Choose the Right Tool

Whether you have a few inches or a few feet of snow to clear, be sure to use the best tool for the job. Campbell's crew relies on more than twelve heavy-duty trucks to clear the 2,000 parking spaces surrounding the stadium.



A smaller fleet of snow throwers clears snow from the Dome's 14 entrances. Your snow removal job might be smaller, but still important to you and your family.

For clearing tight spaces, consider the new Yard Machines Snow Buster™. This compact snow thrower, as light as a snow shovel, is perfect for patios, decks and short walkways. The Buster adjusts to throw snow in all directions, and its sturdy design can help clear even deep snow.

For larger projects, choose the Yard-Man E295 single stage snow thrower. This unit boasts a 21" clearing width and can grab up to 11" of snow in a single pass. With its seven horsepower, four-cycle engine, there's no need for messy gas and oil mixing in the freezing cold. The unit uses the same fuel that is pumped into your car at the gas station.

If you're clearing a longer drive, add more power. With a 26" clearing width, the Yard-Man H5C3F two-stage snow thrower can handle

a snow depth of more than a foot and a half in a single pass. Power steering makes for easy maneuverability and push-button electric start, halogen headlight and heated handles all add comfort to even the worst of snow-clearing conditions, day or night.

Take a Pre-Storm Checkup

Just as you need regular checkups to remain healthy, so does your power equipment. After the equipment has been sitting idle through the spring, summer and fall, be sure to review your owner's manual and perform any recommended maintenance. Fresh gasoline, a proper oil level and a new spark plug can make the difference between an easy or difficult start to your winter maintenance schedule.

"Equipment that is cared for has a significantly longer lifespan than those just thrown into duty," insists Campbell. "Maintenance and pre-season checkups allow us to use our equipment year after year."

Layer Up

Whether you are shoveling or using a snow thrower, you need to dress appropriately. The Syracuse snow crew stays warm, even in the worst conditions, by dressing in layers. Wearing multiple layers and removing wet clothes immediately upon returning indoors will keep you warmer as temperatures plummet.

For additional information about snow removal products, visit www.YardMan.com or www.YardMachines.com.