

Your Yard

Don't Let Selecting A Snowthrower Throw You

(NAPSA)—Consumers can face a blizzard of choices when trying to select the right snowthrower. Do you need a single-stage or dual-stage? How about a manual start model, an electric start, auger-propelled or wheel-propelled?

The good news is that doing your homework before you buy can melt away many of your concerns.

Jennifer Thompson, snowthrower category manager for Murray, Inc.—a leading manufacturer of outdoor power equipment—suggests asking the following questions when choosing a snowthrower:

- How large an area do you have to clear? The clearing path is the width of the path the snowthrower will clear in one pass. The wider the clearing width, the faster the snow removal job can be completed. The engine size also makes a difference. As horsepower increases, so does the ability to quickly complete the snow removal job.

In addition, the wheel-propelled drive systems on dual-stage models make it easier to drive the snowthrower when large areas need to be cleared.

- How much snow do you get? Dual-stage snowthrowers, which feature powerful engines and maximum clearing widths, are recommended for heavy snowfall areas that typically get up to 22" of snow.

Dual-stage models are ideal for moderate snowfall conditions as well. Up to 16" of snow is considered moderate.

Single-stage snowthrowers are designed for light-use applications with up to 10" of snow.

- What options best fit your needs? If you are looking to clear a



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small area with a light amount of snow the single-stage snowthrower would be best. But if you are looking to clear a large area with heavy, packed, high snow, the dual-stage snowthrower would be a better fit.

Murray, Inc., for example offers snowthrowers ranging from basic 12" electric snow shovels for light snow, all the way up to 33", 12 horsepower, dual-stage designs, complete with a halogen headlight, sawtooth augers, dual single-hand control, remote chute reflection, and drift cutters.

The company also offer two special features on their models. The Power2Steer feature allows the driver to turn easily without stopping or worrying about trigger controls. The other feature, Hydroautomatic drive, allows the driver to shift into different speeds—even reverse—without stopping or disengaging the clutch.

To learn more, call 1-800-528-5087 or visit the Web site at www.murray.com.