

# TRIMMING HEDGES

# Trimming hedges can be a rewarding but challenging task. Here are some pro tips to help you achieve excellent results:

#### 1 - USE THE RIGHT TOOLS

Invest in high-quality hedge trimmers or shears that are sharp and well-maintained. TORO 60V Hedge Trimmer tackles big jobs in no time with a large bar and cut capacity, 75 minutes of run time and hardened steel blades for a sharp cut and added durability.

### 2 - CHOOSE THE RIGHT TIME

Trim hedges during their dormant period to minimize stress and promote healthy growth. Avoid trimming during extreme weather conditions such as high heat or freezing temperatures.

#### 3 - PLAN YOUR CUTS

Before you start trimming, step back and assess the shape and size you want to achieve. Use stakes and strings to create a guide or template for a more precise and uniform trim.

#### 4 - START FROM THE BOTTOM

Begin trimming from the base of the hedge, moving upwards in an even motion. This helps maintain a straight and level top while removing excess foliage.

#### **5 - USE SWEEPING MOTIONS**

When trimming, use smooth, sweeping motions rather than hacking or sawing at the branches. This technique promotes a cleaner and neater finish while reducing the risk of damage.

#### **6 - FOLLOW THE NATURAL SHAPE**

Preserve the natural shape of the hedge by following its contours as you trim. Avoid creating flat surfaces or sharp corners, which can make the hedge look unnatural.

#### 7 - REGULAR MAINTENANCE

Regularly trim your hedges throughout the growing season to prevent excessive growth and maintain their desired shape. Light pruning often is easier and healthier for the plants compared to heavy pruning.

# 8 - STEP BACK AND ASSESS FREQUENTLY

Take breaks to step back and evaluate your progress. This allows you to make adjustments and ensure an even appearance and desired shape.

# 9 - CLEAN UP DEBRIS

After trimming, clean up the trimmings and fallen leaves to maintain a tidy lawn. Accumulated debris can hinder grass growth and harbour pests or diseases.

# **10 - SAFETY FIRST**

Always prioritize safety while trimming hedges. Wear protective gear, such as gloves, goggles, and sturdy shoes, to prevent injuries from sharp branches. Be mindful of your surroundings.

Remember, practice and patience are key to achieving professional-looking results. With time and experience, you'll become more skilled at trimming lawn hedges.