

# Maintaining Auger Points And Blades



Auger maintenance is simple enough that it's often overlooked. However, anyone who does a lot of gardening knows garden tool care and maintenance is the best way to help ensure your tools not only work well, but last for years to come. With augers, regular maintenance means the blades will likely stay sharp, perfectly aligned and properly attached to the auger shaft. You'll also be able to prevent long-term problems such as rust and excessive wear. Read on to learn essential tips for maintaining your auger.

## 1. Inspect Your Auger

The first step to auger maintenance is to examine your auger thoroughly. Look along the drill blades to make sure that they're not bent and still properly fastened to the auger's shafts. Bent blades may need repairs, while broken welds will either necessitate re-welding or the purchase of a new auger.

## 2. Confirm a Good Fit With the Drill Chuck

To make sure your auger runs optimally, you'll need to check that it attaches to the drill properly. First, inspect the attachment for wear. Rounded corners on the auger's hex drive are a sure sign that the auger was used improperly on a previous occasion, so when you next attempt to use it, it may be difficult to get a secure fit with the drill's chuck. If you notice any rounding or wear on the hex drive, then it might be time for a replacement. To prevent this from happening in the future, make sure to tighten the drill chuck on the auger's hex drive thoroughly, using a drill key if your power drill came with one.

## 3. Cleaning and Storing Your Auger Properly

A key maintenance step is making sure that your auger is cleaned and stored properly. To prevent unnecessary wear on your auger's coating, wipe away soil and debris when you're finished using it. If you wash the auger, dry it thoroughly to prevent rust. Most importantly, store it in a dry area to prevent rust in the future.

## 4. Oiling Your Auger

Another good way to prevent rust is to keep your auger oiled. Before you're done with the tool for winter, apply a thin coat of mineral machine oil to the auger's surface. If you

live in a humid area, you may want to oil your auger after each use to stop rust from forming.

## **5. Auger Replacement Parts**

Small augers (such as the DIY Guru Auger) are all one piece, which means you'll never need to worry about locating replacement parts. For larger augers, however, there are replaceable parts. If your model has detachable parts, check these often to make sure they do not require replacement.

For augers with removable blades, inspect those blades for wear and fasteners that no longer hold the blades securely. If either of these problems are present, order a new set of blades to keep your auger working smoothly.

The same goes for augers with a detachable digging tip. When the digging tip becomes worn — or if the pin that attaches it to the auger breaks or is missing — then you'll need to purchase a new digging tip. Both blades and tips are available through your retailer.

With these maintenance tips, you'll be able to keep your auger working well for years to come. At Power Planter, all of our products are 100 percent guaranteed, made in the United States on our family farm in central Illinois. If you need further assistance with your auger, don't hesitate to contact our customer service team. We'll answer any questions you have.

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