

TRIM THE HEDGES

Pretty much all garden tools are kind of dangerous. They all hack and slash, or crush, or something. But the hedge trimmer may be one of the more dangerous pieces of equipment. Designed to cut through finger sized branches without even noticing, be very cautious, or you lose one Nugget for every finger you misplace. OK, in all seriousness, do be careful.

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To earn your Nugget, receive one high five from the property owner for a job well done.

LEVEL 1

PERIOD 4

TASK 4

- First of all, you'll need to identify some hedges that need some attention, whether at your home, or someone nearby that might appreciate some free labor.
- Plan what you will do. It's hard to stay straight when cutting a hedge, until you step back and you realize what a mash-up you made of it. Guides will be helpful. You can use a piece of string as a guide by tying it across the top of the hedge.
- Look for consistency, don't hack too much away, unless this is a hedge or shrub that is totally out of control. The final effect you want is to have those off-shooting branches and greens trimmed back to create a neat, pleasing visual.
- Cut a little at a time--you can always take more off, but you can't add it back.
- It is typical to work from bottom to top, and then make the sides and top even. Typically a rectangular shape is desirable. Discuss with the property owner how they want the finished result to be.
- Finally, clean up all the clippings. No job is complete until after everything is cleaned up and all tools are put away.

