

## USING A WEED WHACKER

Gardening has a variety of tools, but nothing quite as totally awesome as the weed whacker. Wow! I love this thing. A good one can tear through weeds, grass, and even small shrubs like Godzilla through Tokyo. But it is also one of the more dangerous items you might use. While it might not remove fingers and toes like a hedge shear or a lawnmower, it can induce a lot of pain in its own way if used improperly.

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### EARN THIS NUGGET

Use a weed whacker in the garden on two separate occasions or in two separate gardens.

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So, here's correct use of this most awesome weapon of garden domination:

1. Safety first. Eye protection is non-negotiable. Don't have any, then don't weed-eat. It will propel rocks and debris at high speed and you will be hit by some of it.
2. Shorts are cool in the summer. But it is probably a torture regime somewhere in the world to make prisoners weed-eat in shorts and flip flops. A good pair of jeans and old pair of running shoes will go a long way to protect your tender flesh. Also have a pair of work gloves.
3. Now, setting up the whacker. Set the string long and keep it long. Most have an automatic, or semi-automatic way, of feeding the string. The end of the string is the part that is moving the fastest. Having a long string increases the amount of carnage you can deliver in a single rotation.
4. Make note of the head rotation and cutting angle so debris is projected away from you. Be cautious around fences and walls. Debris can easily bounce back and pelt you.
5. Be careful of any objects in your path, especially people. Don't use a weed whacker with anyone near you.

