

Consider proper storage for your tool collection

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lock made from steel and hardened aluminum. Durable and lightweight, it is an excellent all-purpose rake and compact to store.

Storing your rake can also be important as indicated by the maven of all things important to the home. A nail on the wall of the garage may suffice for the weekend gardener, but marthastewart.com offers a wall-mounted rake rack for \$15 (US). This design dates back to the early 1920s. The cast-aluminum rack attaches to a wall with three screws and has eight rungs on which to rest rakes, brooms, hoes, and spades.

With the growing popularity of gardening, many garden tools have been resurrected from the past as budding horticulturists discover the convenience of modern equipment is often less than efficient. There is also the nostalgia for older hand tools once forgotten, now reborn.

With many people looking for an alternative to pesticides for their lawn, some are turning to old-fashioned elbow grease to get rid of weeds such as the dreaded dandelion. Lee Valley resurrected the dandelion digger and made it available to the masses.

Originally called the Star Patent Daisy Grubber when it was made in England a century ago, this tool was used for removing long-rooted weeds from lawns and gardens. Lee Valley bought one of the old cast ones, liked it, and had it reproduced as a steel forging for improved durability. The advantage of the design is the wide spoon-shaped shoulder behind the 'V' — this large bearing surface lets you actually lever weeds out rather than have the neck of the tool sink into the ground or cut into the turf as happens with other dandelion diggers.

Martha Stewart's online catalogue also

offers a stainless steel fishtail weeder to dig out dandelions and other stubborn, tap-rooted plant pests. The fine-grained handles are made from a long-lasting hardwood and sell for \$10 (US).

Nostalgia aside, if you are prone to leaving your tools in the garden after a hard day's work, consider some of the new materials appearing on the garden tool market. Hardwood handles are attractive, but are prone to the elements without proper care.

"A lot of the newer tools have all metal alloys or fiberglass," said Cornwell.

Relatively new to the marketplace is the line of garden tools fashioned by Stanley Tools. Known for their solid reputation in the construction tool business, Stanley discovered many of its customers were gardeners and wanted the same quality tool for the garden. The familiar yellow-handled tools for the yard now include the Accushape line of hedge clippers and other tools.

"So far the response has been very positive, the tools are of good quality," said Cornwell.

Other essentials include a hand trowel to plant annuals. An attractive and durable make available at Weal and Cullen is the Snow & Neally brand, constructed with ash handles from Maine. A handy weeder equipped with an angled blade is also available from Snow & Neally, useful for slicing off weeds at their base in difficult-to-reach places.

For creating effective holes for planting, gardeners may also want to invest in bulb planters or a dibber for planting seeds or seedlings, which can, depending on the quality, run about \$12 each.

When it comes to watering, there are three items to consider.

First, they may look convenient and fun, but travelling sprinklers you can drag on little wheels across your lawn are really only

intended for large lots, says Cornwell. At \$200, they are also expensive.

The first investment for watering should be a good rubber hose. Otherwise, you will find yourself investing in a hose each year.

"A vinyl or plastic hose has a memory," explains Cornwell. "They will kink in the same spot all the time. A rubber hose won't kink and will be easier to use in cold weather."

A good 501 rubber hose runs about \$40 or \$60 for a 100-foot length.

For those looking to add a little artistic

flare to their watering adventures, some sprinklers are beginning to look a little more like garden sculpture than utilitarian tool. A brass water sprinkler standing four feet in the air will cost you about \$160.

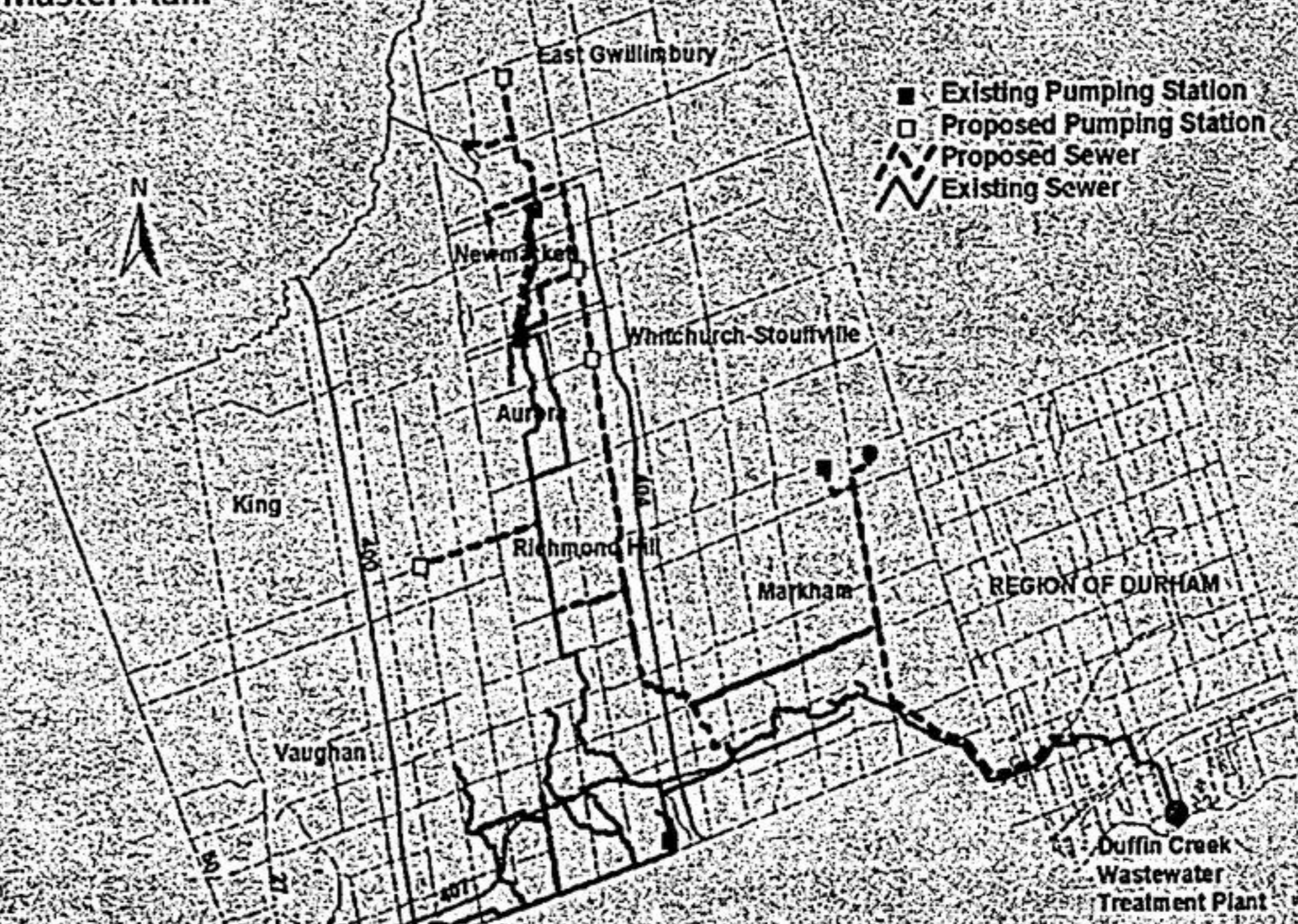
As for storing your hose, a good hanger is a special consideration. Much like choosing a vinyl or plastic hose over rubber, a cheap hanger will only result in headache down the road.

A hose reel cart makes your hose portable and tidy for about \$55.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE York-Durham Trunk Sewer System Master Plan Update

The Regional Municipality of York has retained Earth Tech Canada Inc. and MacViro Consultants to undertake an update of the York-Durham Trunk Sewer System (YDSS) Master Plan.

In 1997, the Regional Municipality of York completed the Master Plan Study for the York-Durham Trunk Sewer System. The map below identifies the municipalities in York Region through which the YDSS extends or is planned. The Master Plan Study identified and reviewed sewage servicing alternatives necessary to meet current sanitary sewage servicing needs and future growth as identified in the Regional Official Plan (ROP). Several priority and strategic projects to be implemented during the planning period are described in the Master Plan.



Approximately five years have passed since the Master Plan was initiated. Wastewater demands on the YDSS have continued to grow in proportion to the number of residents and employees serviced by the system. York Region continues to experience one of the highest growth rates in the Greater Toronto area. Local sewer systems in Markham, Vaughan, Richmond Hill, Aurora and Newmarket rely on the YDSS to convey and treat sanitary wastewater. Extensions to the communities of Stouffville, King City, Holland Landing and Queensville are imminent. The YDSS Master Plan needs to be updated to ensure timely decision-making for this important infrastructure.

Some changed or new information to be considered in the Update includes:

- new policy that will see the Region assume ownership of all new trunk sewer pipes 18 inches or larger in diameter;
- extension of the Plan's time horizon from 2031 to 2036; and
- implementation of some projects identified in the original Master Plan.

The Update is being carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for Municipal Water and Wastewater Projects. A Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held as follows to display the detailed work program and schedule, important considerations and some preliminary recommendations for the public's review and comment:

Date: June 28th, 2000
Time: 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Great Hall
York Region Headquarters
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

No formal presentation will be made, so you are welcome to drop in any time during the hours indicated. Representatives from the Region, Earth Tech Canada and MacViro Consultants will be on hand to answer questions. Detailed mapping and descriptions of the Master Plan infrastructure will be available for review.

Comments received at the PIC will be considered in subsequent steps of the Update.

After finalizing the study results, an addendum to the YDSS Master Plan will be prepared for review. The public will be notified of the review opportunity at the appropriate time through a similar newspaper notice.

Please contact either of the following if you are unable to attend the PIC and wish to obtain more information on the project:

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MARKHAM STOUFFVILLE HOSPITAL

will be held on

Tuesday, June 20, 2000
at 7:00 p.m.

in the Auditorium of
Markham Stouffville Hospital
381 Church Street
Markham, Ontario L3P 7P3

Amendments to By-Laws
will be presented for ratification*

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting
3. Chair's Report
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Nominating Committee Report**
7. Amendments to Markham Stouffville Hospital By-Laws
8. New Business
9. Recognition Awards
10. Adjournment

* An Information Session on the By-Law changes will be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 20, 2000 in the Hospital Auditorium.

** For an advanced copy of the Nominating Committee Report, call (905) 472-7567