

Leaf clearing tools

It's time for the big autumn clear up. We help you find the best tools for the job



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BEST ON TEST AND EASY TO USE

What we did

Leaf rakes and grabbers Thirty six readers (equal numbers of men and women, of all ages and physical abilities) each used four of the rakes or grabber rakes to gather leaves from an area of lawn into a pile. They then used a leaf grabber or the grabber rake to lift the pile of leaves into a wheelbarrow. Our ratings for comfort, ease of use and effectiveness are based on their findings.

Leaf grabbers

Once you've gathered your leaves into a neat pile, you'll need to move them to the compost heap or the container that you're making leaf mould in – which is where a leaf grabber comes in. They're designed to pick up large amounts of leaves and we found two types – those with smaller heads and long handles so you can work standing up, or large scoops that fit over your hands. Our testers found the latter uncomfortable and less easy to use, as you have to crouch or stoop to use the scoops.

Darlac Grab 'n' Lift £15 This top-scoring grabber proved so popular with our users that it was the one most would choose to buy for themselves.

LEAF GRABBERS	PRICE	LENGTH (CM)	WEIGHT (KG)	COMFORT OF HANDLES [1]	EFFECTIVENESS AT GRABBING [1]	EASY TO LIFT INTO BARROW? [1]	EASE OF USE [1]	SCORE [2]
1 Darlac Grab 'n' Lift	£15	80	1.2	★★★★★	★★★★★★	★★★★★★	★★★★★★	83