

## Requirement 2a: Recondition a Yard Tool

### Yard Tool Care

- Yard tools are easily overtaken by rust if not stored properly
- Yard tools should be cleaned after every use, and stored in a dry inside location to minimize rust buildup
- Apply a rust preventer to extend the life of yard tools



### Rust Removal & Protection Products

- Many products are available to both remove rust build-up and also to protect against re-rusting
- The simplest and cheapest approach is to use steel wool and common household oil



### Cleaning a Rusty Yard Tool



- Wear rubber gloves to protect your hands
- Wear safety glasses to protect your eyes
- Using steel wool, gently dry sand any rusty surfaces to remove all rust
- Brush off the rust flakes/dust
- Apply 3-in-one oil (or a similar household oil) to a paper towel and wipe down the surface to clean off any remaining rust and protect against re-rusting.



Steel Wool (Medium)



Household Oil

Sand surface gently with steel wool



Apply oil to clean and protect

