



## PLASTIC REMOVAL

Simple field equipment for homesteads or hobby farms



**1008**

For convenience, mount to a toolbar to station the winder at the end of the field

### HANDYWINDER



#16255 Spool, 18 x 12  
#18282 Toolbar Pkg mounts HandyWinder behind a truck

Model

<b>1008-PKGA</b>	Hand-Crank Winder w/ separating spool for material disposal
<b>1008-PKGB</b>	Hand-Crank Winder w/ (5) 18 x 12 spools to store and re-use drip tape

- includes clamp for 2" square toolbar

Options:

<b>18282</b>	Toolbar Pkg for 2 x 2 truck receiver
<b>16255</b>	Spool, 18 x 12

## GARDEN EQUIPMENT PRIMER

### PLASTIC REMOVAL

The Hand-Crank Winder is a post and rotating shaft fitted with a hand crank to pull in and wind up strips of plastic mulch or drip tape with muscle power. A clamps is included to mount on our 2" square toolbars. A toolbar package is available to fit in a 2" square truck hitch receiver. Other clamps are available.

1008-PKGA includes a spool that separates to remove the roll of plastic and toss it in the truck for disposal. 1008-PKGB includes plastic storage spools to re-use drip tape. It requires little effort to evenly load spools so used tape will freely unroll the following season.

Plastic removal requires planning to bring full satisfaction. Materials must be loose and laying on top of the ground. Specialized mulch lifters are available but frugal growers often use other toolbars and heavy shanks to loosen soil around mulch edges. Plastic mulch is best removed by splitting down the middle and pulling each half to the side to roll off soil and residue. Shallow-buried drip tape can be pulled out of the ground by hand (when previously covered by mulch). With surface tape, prevent heavy weed growth to ease removal. Residue can be cut up with coulters, which are also used to lead heavy shanks to loosen buried tape not covered with mulch. Mowing fields is often effective to simplify any plastic removal.



### POST-HARVEST TILLAGE

Harvest invariably leaves leftover stems, vines, leaves on the ground. Cut and mix this residue into soil with equipment like disk harrows for decomposition between seasons. This also demolished raised beds to prepare field for spring tillage. On a small garden scale, raking and/or burning may be options. Deeper tillage is possible at this time to relieve compaction and aerate soil. Permanent raised beds and/or leaving residue on the field is possible with equipment that handles residue.

THANK YOU FOR READING THE GARDEN EQUIPMENT PRIMER