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Dear Reader,

Garden crime is an unfortunate reality. The theft of power tools, mowers, garden tools, mountain bikes and golf clubs are just some examples of expensive equipment being stolen by opportunist thieves from insecure sheds. Crimes of this nature can be prevented by effective garden security from boundary fences and gates to the valuables stored inside your shed.

Follow the tips below to find out how you can 'weed out' garden thieves.

A SAFER GARDEN!

- Keep gates, fences and walls in good repair to stop intruders getting in.
- Grow prickly plants close to vulnerable areas such as windows, fences, boundary walls and drainpipes.
- Don't leave expensive equipment like garden tools, mowers, mountain bikes and power tools in the shed.
- Secure your shed if you have nowhere else to store valuable equipment.
- Don't leave ladders and tools lying around in your garden - these could be used to break into your home.
- Mark your garden tools and equipment with your postcode.

TIPS TO NIP GARDEN CRIME IN THE BUD!



Protecting Your Boundaries

The boundaries of your property are your first line of defence.

- Ensure that gates, fences and walls are in a good state of repair.
- Make sure rear garden fences are high enough to make climbing over difficult - add a trellis to assist.
- Position side gates to the front of the house, increasing natural surveillance to deter intrusion.
- Keep gates locked at all times.

Defensive Planting

- Use certain prickly plants, bushes and shrubs to deter burglars.
- This green-leafed security measure is not meant to replace, but to compliment other security measures, such as lighting, locks and alarms.
- Use defensive planting around vulnerable areas such as: windows, fences, boundary walls, drainpipes.



Let There Be Light!

- Well positioned external lighting is a great way of keeping intruders at bay.



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Secure Your Shed



- Keep your shed in good condition.
- Fit a closed shackle padlock to the door. Fittings should be bolted through the door and any screws concealed.
- Fit grilles or mesh to the windows.
- Invest in an alarm.

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