

## Rack Speeds Up Wood Cutting

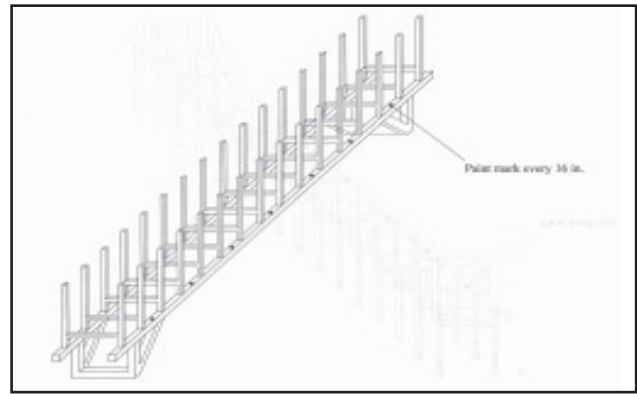
"I've been using this wood-cutting rack for the past few years. It speeds up the job and lets me make very uniform length firewood," says Ron Goosen, Valcourt, Quebec.

"The base of the 10-ft. long rack is made from 2-in. sq. tubing; the upper part from 1-in. tubing. The "U"s are spaced 8 in. apart. I make a cut every 16 in., guided by a spot of paint at every other cutting space. If I want 24-in. logs, I make a cut at every third space. The width of the "U"s needs to coincide with the length of the cutting bar on your chainsaw.

**"U"s" on wood-cutting rack are spaced 8 in. apart. Goosen makes a cut every 16 in., guided by a spot of paint at every other cutting space.**

I line each log up with the end of the rack. If the logs are longer than the rack, I cut them off flush with the end and pile them back in on the next load. If a log is too wide to fit the rack, I just set it on top with my bale forks. The rack works best with logs from 2 to 8 in. dia., and also with sawmill slabs."

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## "Towable" Pasture Irrigation System

"It's more cost efficient and easier to use than any pasture irrigation system on the market," says Clifford Pallin, Universal Irrigation Sales, Eugene, Oregon, about the company's new portable Irripod pasture irrigation system, developed in New Zealand.

The system is designed to be quickly moved using an ATV. It consists of a series of protective pod skids that cover and protect sprinklers that are attached to a flexible polyethylene pipeline. The pods, spaced up to 60 ft. apart, protect the sprinklers from livestock and also keep them from tipping over as they're pulled from place to place.

Designed to operate at low pressure, the system distributes water slowly so it only requires movement once every 12 to 24 hours.

Each pod comes with a white dome and black base, as well as a wire guard. A protective lid keeps young livestock from stepping into the pods. A pop-up option is also available.

"We offer larger sizes of pipe - currently up to 1 3/4 in. inside diameter - so you can use larger sprinklers, which results in less friction loss. As a result, you can space lines and pods farther apart, saving on initial cost," says Pallin.

Another unique feature is that each pod clamps onto the pipe, instead of threading on like a string of pearls. "That way if a pod in the middle of the line has to be replaced, you can remove it without having to remove all the pods and then put them all back on again."

Irripod is a component system and can be configured for any size pasture, says Pallin. A typical 7-pod system that could cover five



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acres using a 14-position shift pattern starts at \$1,500.

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## Golf Bag Caddy Helps Spray Weeds

"I got tired of carrying my 3-gal. spray tank. So I bought a used golf bag caddy, raised the bottom bracket that held the bag, and placed the tank in it. Now I just pull the cart around to spray weeds, and I don't have to bend over to pump the tank," says Michael Naylor, Vinton, Iowa.

Naylor bought the golf caddy at a yard sale for 50 cents. He unbolted the bottom bracket and moved it up about 1 ft., re-bolting it to a hole that he drilled in the frame. He also lengthened the spray hose about 5 ft. so it has a longer reach, splicing into the existing hose.

"I use it on my 2-acre yard and also to spray Canadian thistles in my small pasture. It's a lot easier to pull the caddy than to carry the tank," says Naylor. "The longer hose lets me spray in a 12-ft. dia. area."

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**Michael Naylor modified this used golf bag caddy to carry his 3-gal. spray tank.**



**A wide variety of wheelchairs and other devices can be used to extend a pet's life.**

## Wheelchairs For Disabled Dogs

Owners of pets with severe health problems don't necessarily have to put their dogs down. There are a variety of wheelchairs and other devices out there that can extend their active lives. HandicappedPets.com, is a good place to start.

Whether a pet is recovering from surgery, has hip dysplasia, arthritis or even an amputated limb, the website provides information about pet wheelchairs, slings, harnesses and even diapers.

"About 80 percent of the people who visit our website have dogs," says Lisa Murray, who handles publicity for the Amherst, N.H., company. "Some dogs are able to use a wheelchair for a short period of time - the exercise they get while using the wheelchair can help them heal faster and regain their health. Animals that are not injured but have a chronic condition, like arthritis, may have to use the wheelchair indefinitely."

HandicappedPets.com is a dealer for a couple brands of wheelchairs, but lists other companies as well. The company's goal is to inform pet owners of as many options as possible.

It's information that Mark Robinson, the

company's owner, wishes he would have had when he euthanized his dog, Mercedes, who was diagnosed with a mild form of canine epilepsy. He later learned there were options and started his company in 2003 in Mercedes' memory.

"We even provide information on how to build ramps and make other home modifications," says Murray.

Through discussion areas on the website, pet owners communicate with other pet owners about similar problems such as deafness, blindness, diabetes and incontinence and find out what equipment worked for them. Prices for wheelchairs start at around \$200 and increase according to the pet's weight and special needs. Four-wheel models are available to provide front leg support.

The company also offers ideas for cats, horses, birds, and other pets. A recent challenge was to fit a cart to a lame turtle at a zoo.

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