

“Hands Free” Garden Sack

The Gardener’s Hollow Leg (GHL) is a 10-in. dia., 23-in. deep polyester fabric sack that comes with an expandable (30 in. to 52 in.) belt. It’s easy to fill and easy to empty and holds up to 33 lbs.

Bob Blomberg says the idea was born in his garden while deadheading flowers and pruning branches and vines. “I didn’t want to carry around a bucket or have to walk back to one every time I got my hands full.”

Another great thing about the GHL is that when it’s not in use, it hangs free and out of the way. With a capacity of approximately 5 gal., plenty of garden refuse can be picked up between trips to dump. It’s also great for picking fruit or vegetables. A heavy strap at the bottom of the bag serves as a handle for dumping.

The patented ring opening holds the mouth of the sack open for filling and dumping. When the sack is empty, it hangs nearly vertical, moving perpendicular to

the hip as the sack fills.

The GHL comes with a pocket for a cell phone or iPod. The adjustable belt accommodates pruner holsters and other clip-on garden tools.

“The weight stays on your legs, not on your neck or shoulders,” notes Blomberg. “I also didn’t like bending over to pick up piles of debris. That’s makework!”

The Gardener’s Hollow Leg is priced at \$29.95 with \$6.30 shipping for four or fewer units. It’s available online at the company’s website or at retailers throughout the U.S. (see website for list).

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Polyester fabric sack comes with an expandable belt.

Wide-Span Wood Buildings



There are no center posts or other obstructions in Eagle Rigid Span wood-framed buildings.



“We’ve been putting up beautiful wide-span buildings for 23 years,” says Bruce Meidinger, owner of Eagle Rigid Span, a North Dakota-based company known for its innovative wood-frame buildings with clear-spans up to 120 ft. wide.

In addition to being used as livestock barns, high-clearance machine sheds, and other farm buildings, Eagle Rigid Span structures also make an attractive, lower-cost way to put up churches, gymnasiums, schools, hockey rinks, airplane hangars, strip malls, and more.

“What makes these buildings unique is that we can have a clear, open span of up to 120 ft. with no obstructions whatsoever and yet they cost as much as 30 percent less than conventional construction,” says Meidinger. “They’re also highly energy efficient. Because our buildings are typically framed on 2-ft. centers for the wall and ceiling joists, you can roll insulation into the already

framed cavities and you’re done - unlike many metal-framed buildings that are very difficult and expensive to insulate.”

Typical insulation is R-38 in the ceilings and R-19 in the walls. The energy savings are significant compared to more conventional buildings and, for people with environmental concerns, Meidinger points out that the buildings are built with wood, “the one building material that grows back”.

One other huge benefit of Eagle Rigid Span buildings is that they are generally bird-proof because there’s no place for birds to roost.

The wood framing also makes the buildings easier to finish off inside than most metal buildings. Almost any method can be used, which is why so many of them have been built as churches, schools and even office buildings in many communities across the country.

Key to success of Eagle Rigid Span

buildings is the unique method the company developed of making laminated trussed box beams. The raised center allows more usable space with lower sidewalls and no center poles to get in the way. The standard roof pitch is 3/12; however other pitches are also available.

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