



# WEED WRENCH WOODY PLANT PULLER



Weed Wrench is a manually-operated, all-steel tool designed to remove woody plants by uprooting. Powerful jaws with an 18:1 gripping leverage are teamed with a 6:1 leverage for pulling. Proven effective from coast to coast, Weed Wrench is an efficient, safe, selective, permanent means of eliminating unwanted shrubs and sapling trees. Soil disturbance is minimal and desirable plants are unharmed. Persons of ordinary strength can use it effectively after only seconds of familiarization. An important part of Weed Wrench's success has been that most people find it *fun* to use!

## Will the Weed Wrench tool work for my job?

Generally, Weed Wrench will uproot any plant if the jaws will fit around the stem, and the tensile strength of the stem exceeds the anchoring strength of the roots. It will work on virtually all woody plants. Jaw

placement is easiest on straight, vertical stems and becomes trickier (but not impossible) on multi-stemmed plants or plants that lay flat against the ground. It will work on some herbaceous plants if the stem is fibrous and tough enough so the roots pull out before the stem breaks off. It will work on multi-stemmed plants as long as one stem or a bundle of stems can be gripped whose tensile strength exceeds root anchoring strength. It will work on previously cut off plants when a stub of the original stem is accessible. It will pull wooden tree stakes for re-use. It will not work on soft-stemmed plants. It will not work on plants which grow in a clump like pampas grass.

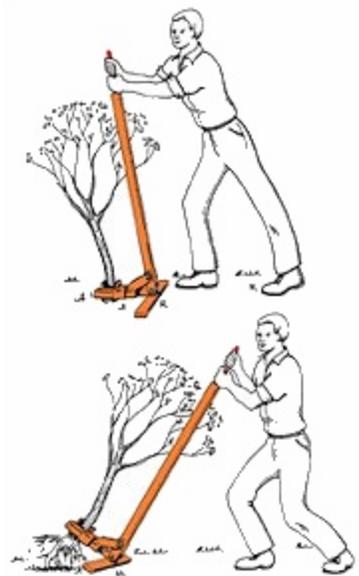
## The plants Weed Wrench has proven effective against include:

acacia · eucalyptus · tamarisk · French broom · privet  
buckthorn · multiflora rose · honeysuckle · Scotch broom  
Norway maple · gorse · conifers · manzanita · Russian olive  
willow · holly · Brazilian pepper, and much more...

Weed Wrench is best used on shrubs and trees where uprooting is a positive end to that plant. However, it can be helpful for a first-round root removal of plants like blackberry vine or poison oak. With such plants, keep in mind that it will take follow-up work to control underground root fragments that send up new growth.

## What size Weed Wrench tool should I choose?

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Wrench size with a jaw capacity that matches the maximum diameter of stem on your target plants. The weight of the tool is an important consideration, and it is usually best to choose a size *no larger* than is necessary to get your job done.

### **There are some exceptions to the largest-stem-diameter rule:**

- If you will be pulling multi-stemmed shrubs, a larger jaw capacity can be useful for gripping bundles of stems.
- When most of the stems you need to grip will fit in a smaller tool's jaws and only the exceptional plant exceeds that size, you may prefer a lighter Weed Wrench and use some other removal method for the exceptions.

You may like a tool that never takes "no" for an answer. Larger Weed Wrench models have more leverage and pulling power; if the weight doesn't bother you, you may prefer using one that makes your average target plant jump out of the ground effortlessly.

The **Heavy** model is best for larger persons or at least persons with plenty of spunk. The **Medium** model can be handled quite well by persons of medium strength and stature. The **Light** model is easy and fun to use by anyone, including children, while still having an impressive capacity.

Of the four models, the larger three are operated from a standing position, and they include a jaw-catch feature that holds the jaw open during placement around stems. The Mini model is operated from a bending, kneeling, or sitting position and has no jaw catch feature, since it is easier to operate the jaw by hand. All Weed Wrench sizes have jaws that will close to zero, so they will work on any stem size from their maximum jaw capacity down to the smallest plant.