



Lawn Equipment Theft

1. Do not leave lawn equipment unattended in the yard or driveway! It only takes seconds for a thief to steal your equipment.
2. When not being used, store lawn equipment in a securely locked shed or closed garage.
3. Don't leave unsecured lawn equipment in the open bed of a truck or trailer.
4. Use etching tools or a steel punch to engrave an owner applied number (OAN) in at least two places on the equipment, one obvious and one hidden.
5. Customize the equipment with unique paint colors or other unique markings. Doing so will make it less attractive to thieves.
6. Record all serial numbers associated with the equipment. Keep purchase receipts. (Use the HPD identification grid, or take advantage of a free secure online inventory system like <https://reportit.leadsonline.com/>)
7. Take digital photographs of the equipment, particularly of unique characteristics or markings.
8. When not being used, secure the equipment to a stationary object with a high security chain and padlock. Use a heavy duty security chain through a hole in the wheel or around the axle of a riding mower, wrap the chain around an immovable object and secure the ends of the chain with a high security padlock.
9. Consider GPS tracking devices on expensive lawn equipment.
10. Possibly attach to a larger lawn mower a heavy duty anti-theft tire wheel clamp lock – available for approximately \$35.00.
11. Call us when you see something suspicious. 911 emergency, (205) 822-5300 non-emergency.

