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### Study on benefits of garden accessories and tools based on type of garden area

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#### Abstract

An exquisite garden is a well-planned one, in which each plant has been selected to complement one another in size, shape and colour. Accessories such as benches, sculptures, mirrors and lanterns can be used in order to enhance the magnetism of the environment where the garden is located. Finding the appropriate objects and furniture will flow smoothly with each individual design and provides a better and more attractive landscape design (Azevedo, 2015). Some of the garden tools commonly used in residents were soil testers, gardening forks, bonsai tools, scissors, weeders, soil knife, pruning shears, water hoses and water wands, shovel, rakes, saws, loop hoe, spades and forks, Even among the basic garden tools, we are bound to find a wide variety of designs and sizes. There is a reason for so many options - using the right tool for the right job makes our work easier and more efficient (Soinski, 2005). Maintaining our garden is essential if we want to keep it neat and tidy. Nothing looks more welcoming than a well-kept garden. Of course working in the garden is good exercise too. The present study focused on the benefits of garden accessories and tools based on the type of garden area in residential buildings. The results of the study showed that benefits of garden accessories such as to decorate, to rest and relax, to create optical illusion, etc and benefits of tools such as cost effective, time and labour saving, etc were influenced by the type of garden areas like front garden, roof garden, terrace garden, wall garden, etc.

**Keywords:** Garden accessories, garden tools

#### Introduction

Garden accessories can become symbolic reminders of life's blessings as they encourage people to enrich their surroundings by transcending the mundane. Garden ornaments help people take an active stance in their lives by enabling them to create a niche in the world that is in concert with their values and their dreams. Indeed, it is this "gardening imagination" that provides people with the opportunity to select meaningful objects that speak to their senses, to their experiences, and to their lives. (Soinski, 2005) [3]

Garden tools are basically categorized into 2 types: hand tools and power tools. As the name suggests hand tools are the one that are used from bare hands and the power tools are those tools which need a source of power to be used. These gardening tools are designed to ease out the time and efforts we spend on gardening. Their applications are literally limitless. We can put a single tool to various uses no matter if it is a power tool or hand tool although power tools are more focused on serving a specific purpose rather than multiple ones.

Gardening tools help ease out of work and on the other hand gardening accessories work on embracing work further. There is a wide range of accessories that can utilize in work. It all boils down to how creative and innovative can be. Professional gardeners use garden accessories to supplement the natural beauty so that it looks more attractive. (Jainty, 2016) [2].

#### Objectives

1. To analyze the type of garden area and benefits of garden accessories and tools of the selected respondents.

#### Methodology

An Ex post facto research design was used for the study. Using purposive sampling technique 100 residential buildings possessing garden were chosen for the study and the details are obtained through the people residing in the house.

The structured questionnaire with details pertaining towards types of garden area, types of garden accessories and tools, benefits of garden accessories and tools was used to collect data and analyzed using ‘F’ test.

**Results and Discussion**

**Table 1:** Details of type of garden area of the Selected Respondents (in percent)

Type of garden area	Percentage (N=100)
Front garden	32
Roof garden	4
Balcony garden	28
Back garden	2
Terrace garden	31
Wall garden	3

\* indicates exceeds 100 due to multiple responses

Table 1 depicts the detail on type of garden area of the selected respondents such as front garden, roof garden, terrace garden, wall garden, balcony and back garden. In general majority (32 percent) of the selected respondents

**Hypothesis**

- Significant difference would exist between type of garden area on benefits of garden accessories and tools of the selected respondent.

posses front garden, followed by (31 percent) were having terrace garden, (28 percent) were having balcony garden, (4 percent) were having roof garden, (3 percent) were having wall garden and (2 percent) were having back garden.

**Table 2:** Details on benefits of garden accessories and tools of the Selected Respondents (in percent)

S. No.	Benefits of garden accessories and tools	Percentage* N=100	
1.	Benefits of garden accessories	Decorative	96
		To support climbers	88
		To show status	65
		To rest & relax	93
		Lighting provides warmth and illumination	68
		Hides shabby area	66
		Brings in balance, emphasis & harmony	78
		Creates optical illusion	80
		Habitant for birds & pets	91
		Easy available in stores	53
2.	Benefits of garden tool	Available as per requirement	56
		Cost effective	88
		Labour saving	90
		Time saving	89
		Aids in easy maintenance of garden plants	90

\*Indicates multiple responses

Table 2 and figure 2 depicts the details on benefits of garden accessories and tools of the selected respondents.

**Benefits of garden accessories**

In general majority (96 percent) of the selected respondents were benefited for decorative, followed by (93 percent) to rest and relax, (91 percent) for habitant for birds and pets, (88 percent) to support climbers, (80 percent) to create optical illusion, (78 percent) for brings in balance, emphasis and harmony, (68 percent) for lighting provides warmth and

illumination, (66 percent) to hides shabby area, (65 percent) to show status, (56 percent) in available as per requirement, and (53 percent) were benefited in easy available in stores.

**Benefits of garden tools**

An equal majority (90 percent) of the selected respondents were benefited for labour saving and aids in easy maintenance of garden plants respectively, followed by (89 percent) in time saving, and (88 percent) for cost effective.

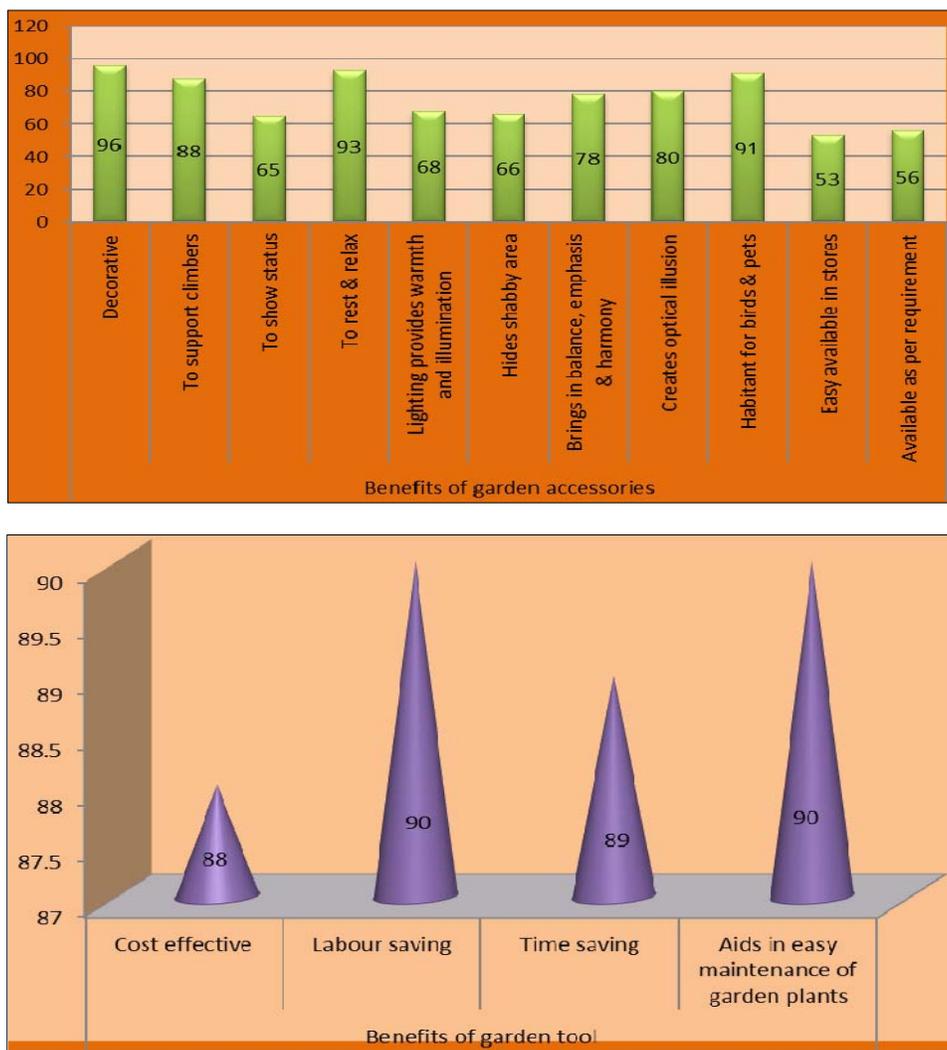


Fig 2: Details on benefits of garden accessories and tools of the Selected Respondents (in percent)

Table 3: Impact of type of garden area on benefits of garden Accessories and Tools of selected respondents

S. No	Types of Garden Area	Sum of square	Df	Mean square	F	
1.	Benefits of Garden Accessories	Between Groups	285.109	6	57.022	14.357**
		Within Groups	373.331	94	3.972	
		Total	658.440	100		
2.	Benefits of Garden Tools	Between Groups	50.867	6	10.173	12.317**
		Within Groups	77.643	94	0.826	
		Total	128.510	100		

\*\* - Significant at 0.01 level

Table 3 showed that both the benefits of garden accessories and tools were found to be significant at 1 percent level on the type of garden area of the selected respondents. This indicates that benefits of garden accessories and tools were influenced by the type of garden area. Hence hypothesis is accepted.

**Conclusion**

It is concluded from the study that majority of the residential buildings possess front garden and terrace garden and it is also noted that majority of the respondents were benefited on the aspects of decorative, rest & relax on using garden accessories and labour saving, easy maintenance on using garden tools. The result also indicates that benefits of garden accessories and tools were influenced by the type of garden area.

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