

## Hose Care Tips

### How To Maintain Your Vacuum Hose



- **Don't drag your hoses over curbs, stone walls, or piles of cut branches.** Our hoses are tough, but they do puncture on sharp objects. Sad to say, replacements are expensive. If you need to carry your Power Vacuum Pickup or Estate Vacuum a long way, we recommend our Roof Rack Carrier accessory.
- **Do not use the Power Vacuum Pickup or Estate Vacuum with dangerous material** like rocks, glass, trash, metal scraps, etc. Remove them before you vacuum. Never vacuum up anything except organic lawn debris.
- **Keep your Power Vacuum Pickup or Estate Vacuum as straight as you can.** If there are sharp twists and turns in the hose, the debris you're collecting may be more likely to clog. However, if you get a clog, give the hose a quick shake, and the clog should dislodge.
- **Clean your hose.** If you're using the Cyclone Rake while fertilizer is on the ground, it would be beneficial to wash the hose after use. Certain chemicals can cause the hose to deteriorate faster than usual.

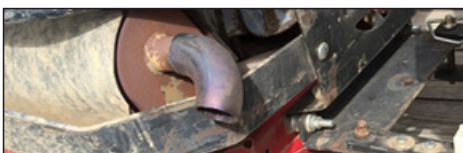
### How To Store Your Vacuum Hose



- **You can keep your hose straight or coiled up.** Whatever works best for your space!
- **Avoid storing your hoses in direct sunlight,** which will degrade your hose over time. Store your hoses indoors, perhaps in a garage, to prevent your hose from becoming brittle in the winter.
- **How long can a hose last?**  
How long a hose will last depends on how much abuse the hose goes through and the type of material flowing through it. For example, if you have sandy soil or are constantly picking up sticks and nuts, your hose will not last as long as a hose primarily picking up leaves and grass. In this case, upgrading to the Tuff-PRO Urethane hose would be a smart investment, as it will last longer than the standard PVC hose.

### How to Prevent Heat Damage

When using the Cyclone Rake, please check what side the exhaust on your tractor is on. If the exhaust is blowing toward the hose, you'll need to deflect the exhaust in a different direction. When the hot exhaust is blowing on the hose, the combination of the heat and vacuum pressure when the leaf vacuum is on will cause the hose to melt and collapse on itself.



#### Where can I get an exhaust deflector for my tractor?

- Hardware store
- Tractor supply store