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DR® Power Equipment Introduces New Chipper/ Shredders Designed for “Serious” Yard Clean-Up, Mulching

New Models Transform Debris into Rich Garden Compost, Landscaping Woodchips

Vergennes, VT (March 28, 2012) – DR® Power Equipment today introduced two new chipper/shredder models designed for home and property owners looking for a single-machine solution to tough yard debris and waste.

The company’s new 11.50 PREMIER and 14.50 PRO model Chipper/Shredders will not only shred prunings, leaves, and garden leftovers into rich, organic mulch, but also chip larger branches into valuable landscaping woodchips for paths and ornamental flower beds.

“DR Power’s new affordable chipper/shredders are designed for serious yard clean-up and mulching,” said Tom Parent, DR® Power Equipment spokesperson. “If your number one task is disposing of yard and garden waste, but you also want the ability to chip heavy branches, these new DR chipper/shredders are just what you’re looking for.”

The DR® 11.50 PREMIER Chipper/Shredder is the smallest and lowest-cost chipper/shredder model available from DR Power Equipment. This machine is the right choice for consumers with occasional chipping and shredding tasks. Chipping and shredding organic materials with this machine before composting will dramatically speed up the natural composting process; nutrient-rich compost can be created in just 14 days. The PREMIER rolls from garden to compost bin on a set of wheels like a hand cart and is equipped with a 250cc Briggs and Stratton 1150 Series OHV engine. The chipper will handle tree branches up to 2” thick.

The mid-size 14.50 PRO Chipper/Shredder is designed for serious gardeners and homeowners with large properties. By chipping and shredding yard debris, homeowners can turn “waste” into rich garden mulch and long-lasting landscaping woodchips, keeping organic matter out of landfills and in their garden where it can benefit the soil. The 14.50 PRO can be towed behind an ATV, UTV, or lawn tractor. Featuring a 305cc Briggs and Stratton 1450 Series OHV engine, the 14.50 PRO Chipper/Shredder handles chipping and shredding easily and chips branches up to 3” thick.

Parent said that while there are smaller and less expensive shredders available from other companies, DR® Power Equipment's research shows that most of these machines are at least 2-3 times slower than the DR® Chipper/Shredders. "Buyers need to ask themselves what their time is really worth," Parent said. "Each DR Chipper/Shredder will keep you working when other bargain brands get bogged down and clogged up."

DR® 11.50 PREMIER Chipper/Shredder starts at a \$1,899 list price while the DR® 14.50 PRO Chipper/Shredder starts at \$2,099. But beginning special introductory offers make these must-have mulching machines even more affordable. Both models can be purchased at DRPower.com

DR® Power Equipment also announced that it will no longer offer the 8.0 FTP Model Chipper/Shredder.

DR® Power Equipment, a division of Country Home Products, Inc., the premiere developer and marketer of professional-grade outdoor equipment for residential use, was founded in 1985 in Charlotte, Vermont. Country Home Products is a three time winner of Vermont's "Best Places to Work" award. It employs over 220 people and occupies three facilities. For more information on its complete line of power equipment and property care supplies, visit the web site at www.drpower.com.

PRODUCT PHOTOS AND DEMONSTRATIONS ARE AVAILABLE. DR® Power Equipment sells products factory-direct and through a network of over 500 dealers; a free catalog can be ordered at 802-877-1200, or obtained online at www.drpower.com. For more information on DR® POWER EQUIPMENT, please contact Jon Trobaugh jtrobaugh@chp.com



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