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## Weed Wrench

### Operation

**Placing the Jaw:** Open the jaw until the jaw-catch engages. Place the jaws around the stem and disengage the jaw-catch by putting your foot on top of the lifter arm behind the jaw and giving the grip handle a tug. If the jaw shows any tendency to slip upward instead of gripping the stem, keep pressure with your foot on the lifter arm until the jaw is solidly clamped on.

If the plant in one that spreads at ground level and has branches interfering with the good placement of the jaw, you can grab the interfering branch with the Weed Wrench and rip it off to gain access to the stronger stem. Or, you can use a pair of loppers or a pruning saw to get the offending part out of the way. When working with a plant that has needles or thorns it may be desirable to saw it off a few inches above ground before pulling the root; then you don't have the top stabbing you while you work the Weed Wrench.

**Extracting the Plant:** Once the jaw is clamped on, give a reasonably hard pull to determine whether it's going to be an easy or hard root to extract. If it's easy, just keep on pulling. If it's hard, don't try to pull it in one stroke but begin "pumping" the handle instead, rhythmically pulling hard, then relaxing the pull. This will usually fracture the soil a little more with each pump, the ground will begin to heave, and finally you will hear a muffled "pop" deep underground when the tap root breaks. *This technique is the most important thing you can learn for pulling stubborn plants.* In a worst case, dig around the plant with a series of pick or mattock strokes to break the surface soil and some of the lateral roots, then try pumping the handle again. (In practice, you rarely need to resort to this last method.) The pumping technique is also useful to gently coax a root out of the soil when a weak stem would otherwise break before the root pulls free.

### Tips:

1. It may help to use a scrap of plywood under the fulcrum in situations where there is soft soil or where the Weed wrench is being used to pull wooden tree stakes out.
2. It may help to dig a little soil away from the stem if there is not enough stem to grab.
3. Always have the fulcrum flat on the ground even on hillsides. *Failure to do this may bend the fulcrum at the lifter arm, or in some cases behind the lifter arm at the fulcrum.*
4. **Don't put a cheater pipe on the grip handle for more leverage; it will only bend the handle.** Don't put two people on it; it was designed to withstand the strength of only one person.
5. The Weed Wrench works better with the jaw teeth clean.
6. Do not pull steel fence posts with the Weed Wrench. The mesh on the jaws will get damaged.

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