



HOW TO USE

To garden successfully with the Niwashi, correct grip is essential. Hold the Niwashi just above where the two grooves around the handle are. It is important to keep your hand and wrist steady to prevent fatigue and blisters. The tool is designed so that it becomes an extension of your arm and uses natural easy movements like pulling rather than pushing. Below are some tips for use.



TRADITIONAL & TRILUX FOR WEEDING:

Hold the Niwashi with the side of the blade flat against the soil and behind the weeds to be removed. By altering the angle of the blade and pushing down firmly, pull the tool towards you to remove surface weeds. Repeat for removing deeper roots.

DIGGING: For digging in friable soil, use your Niwashi like a hammer. Drop the point of the blade into the soil letting gravity do the work for you. To dig a hole or aerate, pull the soil towards you as you lift the tool. **If your soil is dried clay or is compacted and hard, use the blade of the Niwashi to scrape the surface first. Once the soil is loosened, you can use the point of the blade to dig.**

PLANTING: Prepare the soil and create a level surface with your Niwashi. To plant seeds drag the point of the tool towards you creating a shallow trench to pop in seeds. Cover by pushing the soil over with the flat side of the Niwashi. For seedlings, push the point of the Niwashi into the soil and pivot the blade towards you. This creates a nice deep hole to plant your seedling. Pull the tool out and use the flat side to push down the surrounding soil.

WARNING: As with all sharp gardening tools, please keep out of reach of children. Be sure to put the Niwashi safely away after use.

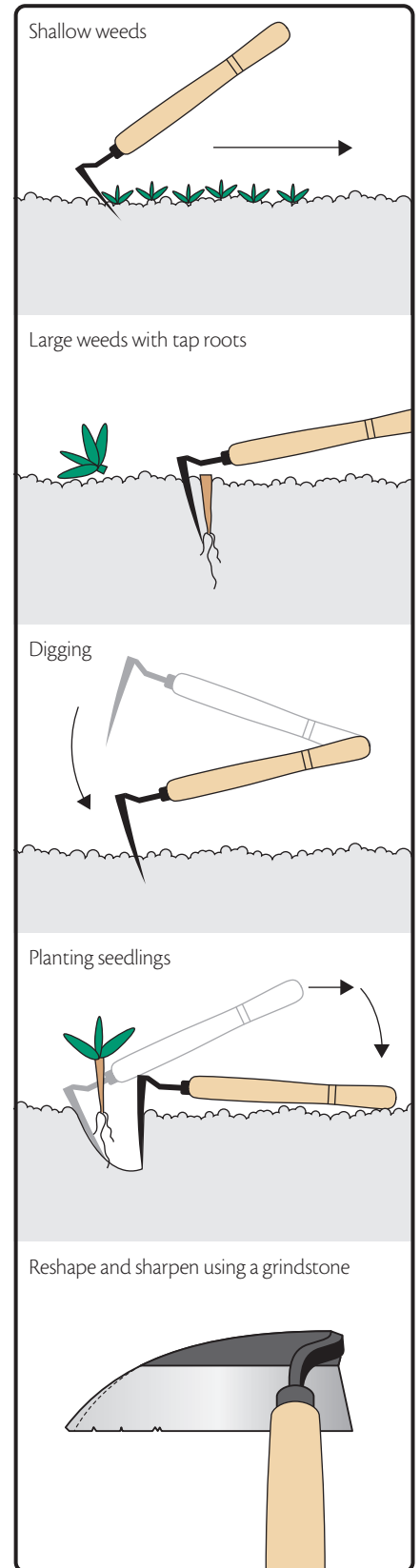
Always wear protective footwear when using this tool.

Always clean and dry the blade after use.

The Niwashi is not to be used as a lever - this will damage the tool.



TRILUX: A high quality stainless steel tool which can be used in a similar way to the traditional. It can easily scoop soil up and can be used both left and right handed.



WARNING: Niwashi gardening tools have sharp blades, as with all sharp gardening tools, please keep out of reach of children. Be sure to put the Niwashi safely away after use. Although our tools are of a high quality, any tool can be damaged by incorrect use or abuse.

Always wear protective footwear, trousers and gloves when using this tool.



LONG HANDLE

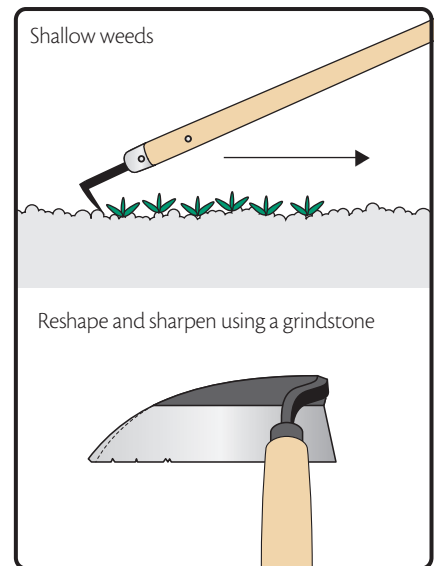
This tool is excellent for those who do not enjoy bending down or for tricky areas that are hard to get to like under rose bushes. The Long Handle Niwashi is mainly used for weeding.

- Please do not try to hack or grub with this tool.
- Please avoid hitting stones, rocks and hard items
- Always clean and dry the blade after use.

FOR WEEDING: Hold the Niwashi with the side of the blade flat against the soil and behind the weeds to be removed. By altering the angle of the blade and pushing down firmly, pull the tool towards you to remove surface weeds. Repeat for removing deeper roots.

CULTIVATING: Use the Niwashi with the blade flat on the soil. By pulling the tool towards you, you can aerate, mix in fertilisers and prepare the earth for planting.

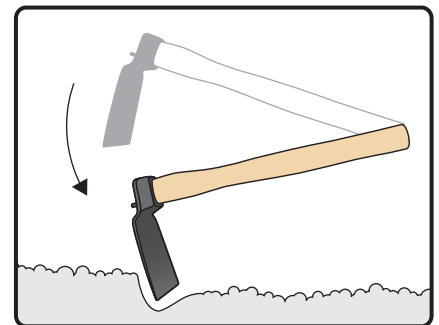
RESHARPENING: With all of this gardening your tool may lose its sharpness or may have tiny nicks in it. This can be easily fixed with an oil stone or grindstone, sharpening the back edge of the blade only. If the tip has broken off use an electric grind stone to reshape the tool.



GRUBBER

Use the Niwashi Grubber with a hammer like action. For heavy work, hold the lower part of the handle, hold the handle at the top part when doing accurate work around the base of plants.

To keep the head securely on the handle, make sure the small steel wedge in the end of the handle is tight. Tap gently with a hammer to re-tighten.



GARDEN SHARK

The Garden Shark is great for tidying up fibrous weeds like flax, agapanthus and kikuyu etc. It is a toothed sickle and relies on a pulling action; it is not a saw and cannot be used to cut through wood. The Garden Shark is easy to use - simply hold the plant material firmly and pull the tool towards you (**one way only - do not use as a saw**).

It slides through flax like a knife through butter!

To maintain this tool, please clean and dry blade after use.



DIGI DIGI

Cut through the tender stems of young weeds using the flat edge the blade. To dig out tap roots plunge the tool down the side of the root. Lean the handle away from the weed while gently pulling the tool out of the ground. Do not use this tool or any other tool as a lever, this will break the tool.

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This is for use in pot plants and window boxes. Suitable for light work in friable soils. Suitable for planting and transplanting seedlings, weeding and removing root crops in loose soil. **Do not use to lever out large plants.**

