

Another useful tip from Power Equipment Warehouse...

## CHOOSING THE RIGHT SNOWBLOWER

Let's face it, not too many people enjoy waking up to a deep, fresh snowfall; that is unless you have a snowblower from Power Equipment Warehouse!

Purchasing a snowblower shouldn't be too difficult when you take these points into consideration:

- Is your driveway paved or gravel?
- How big is your driveway? Do you have a pull off or turn around area to clean too?
- Is your driveway flat or on a hill?
- Do you tend to get a lot of blowing or drifting snow?
- Do you want electric start or recoil start?

### Single Stage Snowblower Features:

Single stage snowblowers range in size from 3 to 6.5HP. Single stage means there is one action that picks up the snow and throws it out the chute. The rotor spins fast and throws the snow through the chute. Single Stage units are meant for paved surfaces and do not have set self-propelled speeds. The scraper bar and design of the rotor allow for cleaning to the surface and doesn't leave too much snow behind, usually if you tip the unit forward the spinning of the rotor will pull the unit along. Some units come with electric start. This feature cannot be added to a recoil unit. Electric start units do not have a battery; you simply plug the unit into a standard wall outlet, push a button, un-plug the extension cord and go. The unit will then run off the gas in the engine, there should be a back up recoil on the unit so you don't always have to return to the plug to start the snowblower. Single Stage units can typically handle most varieties of snow but those heavy, wet snows may be a little more stubborn, particularly at the end of the driveway, after the plow trucks have come through.

### Two Stage Snowblower Features:

Two stage snowblowers range in size from 5HP and up. Two stage means there are two actions to remove the snow; the auger spins slowly and funnels the snow back to the impeller which is spinning very fast propelling the snow up and out of the chute. If you have a gravel drive this is the machine for you; these units have adjustable skids on each side to avoid picking up stones. Most come with electric start standard, if not it can usually be added. The electric start works the same as it does on single stage units. Two stage snowblowers are self-propelled generally with 3 forward speeds and 1 to 2 reverse speeds; they will clean down to the surface of the drive and handle any type of snow. Most units have wheels with deep treads but some have tracks. Check if the unit you are looking at has a joystick to control the chute and deflector, and also free wheel steering is a nice feature too.

Remember to never use your hand to clear out the chute or auger area, and be sure children and pets are far away from the area you are clearing.

As with any major purchase, be sure the dealer you buy it from offers parts and service for the unit, and consider pickup and delivery too, as two stage snowblowers don't usually fit in your trunk!

Let the experts at Power Equipment Warehouse recommend a snowblower for you today. Call one of our friendly associates at 1-800-769-3741. Hurry before the snow flies!!