Roto Tiller Doubles As A Power Washer

Colin Plasch wanted a pressure washer but he didn’t want to add another gasoline-powered piece of equipment to his workshop. The answer was simple when he thought of it.

“I had a tiller sitting there that I only used once or twice a year,” says Plasch. “Why not use it to power a pressure washing pump?”

Plasch picked up a pump at a local farm supply store. He had no problem finding one with a bolt pattern and shaft sleeve that fit the bolt pattern and drive shaft on his tiller. To hook it up, he simply unbolted the drive pulley and attached the pump.

“The pressure pump has an internal key way, and it simply slid right on the drive shaft from the tiller motor,” says Plasch. “Now I till the garden in the spring and have a 2,650-lb., 2 1/2 to 3-gpm pressure washer the rest of the year.”

Plasch cautions FARM SHOW readers to be extra careful with any pressure washer. He recalls the FARM SHOW article about a farmer who nearly lost his foot in a pressure washer incident.

“Pressure is important, but it’s the volume that is really needed,” he says.

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Solar Lighting For Remote Locations

If you need some light in a remote building but don’t want to spend money on setting up electrical service, you’ll be interested in this Solar Flood Light. It’ll light up an 8 by 12-ft. area for about 90 min. on a single charge. It takes a few minutes to install the 7 1/2 by 5 1/2-in. solar panel and two-lamp unit. The unit detaches easily so you can also use it as a portable light.

It comes with a 16-ft. cord that transfers power from the solar panel to the light. The nickel cadmium battery lasts between 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 years. “It needs to charge for 6 days before you use it the first time,” says Peter Kashinsky, company representative. “It takes two days with great sun to fully recharge or 6 days with bad sun.”

Sells for $174.95 including shipping.

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