

How To Save Money When Graveling A Road

Darol Dickinson got tired of paying for road gravel that he didn't need. So he came up with a simple idea that lets dump trucks spread gravel only over vehicles' tire tracks.

"We operate a large ranch where the soil is prone to get muddy. We often put in new all-weather pasture roads, or resurface old ones," says Dickinson. "Normally, the dump truck will lay an apron of gravel 3 in. thick across the width of the road. It costs about \$200 to gravel 200 ft. of road so the cost really adds up in a hurry. We needed a way to reduce the cost."

His solution is to lay a 6-in. sq, 4-ft. long wood block in the center of the truck's inside dump gate when the truck is empty. The truck driver opens the gate 1 in. high to let gravel out, but the block limits the release of gravel to two 18-in. wide streams on either side of the gate where the wheels track. The two 18-in. wide streams of gravel are about the width of a set of duals on a pickup.

"The 4-ft. wide section in the middle of the road doesn't get any gravel. As a result, a truck with an 8 1/2-ft. wide bed can go twice as far before it runs out of gravel. It saves a lot of money," says Dickinson.

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JP Series Clean Seeders

Using a Jang Clean Seeder makes planting a garden fast, easy, and precise according to its distributor, Mechanical Transplanter Company in Holland, Mich.

"It's priced right," says Dan Timmer, one of the owners and marketing manager of the business. "It's not the cheapest, but it's very accurate compared to other seeders."

The key is in the variety of rollers available for different size seeds. Other seeders have only five discs to choose from. The Clean Seeder has many more. Picking the right size is easy. Remove the lid of the seed hopper and spread the seed over the various size slots. The one the seed fits corresponds to the size of the roller to use. In addition to correct seed sizing, the rollers have 4 to 24 slots to vary the planting distance between seeds.

For hobby gardeners and small market growers, the single row 23 lb. model JP-1 is priced at \$375. By buying additional rollers, it's possible to plant everything from very tiny seeds up to sweet corn. The seed hopper holds about a quart of seed and is easy to fill and empty.

More expensive models are available, including a 3-row hand seeder and toolbar 3-point hitch seeders for planting larger acreages. Fertilizer attachments are also available.

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