

# ↻ Tried & tested / Watering spray lances



**TOP TIP**  
JET SETTINGS ARE PERFECT FOR PRECISE WATERING BETWEEN HARD TO REACH PLANTS

## Get water into difficult spots

Geoff Hodge tests spray lances and wands that will help make watering inaccessible areas much easier

**H**AND-HELD spray guns are an essential piece of watering kit that will make watering easier and help reduce wastage because you can water a lot more accurately.

But sometimes there are inaccessible parts of the garden that need watering and which you need to be able to get to easily. That's where a watering spray lance will prove to be an invaluable tool.

Being longer than a gun, they allow you to reach further into your borders, can help you water lower down nearer the soil without having to bend, and water high up areas - such as hanging baskets, without having to lower them first.

Many are telescopic, which makes them even more versatile and most have a range of spray patterns that you can choose from - most of which are useful and make watering an easier task.

Whichever lance you choose, you'll need a hose fitting at the end of the hose and every lance attaches to the standard universal fittings.

### The test

I watered plants at the back of a wide border and out of reach hanging baskets. I was looking for lances that were comfortable to use, were well balanced and not too top heavy and had all the controls at hand making the whole watering process easy to carry out.

I was also looking at functionality and versatility. Those models with a telescopic lance allow you to water higher up or further away from you without having to stretch, especially when watering at the base of plants or high baskets.

Those with an adjustable head mean you can change the watering angle, which is especially useful for watering

hanging baskets, but helps in borders too. Lances with a variable water flow rate mean you can gently water small plants and then quickly change to give more water to bigger plants or where more force is needed.

### Suppliers

- **B&Q** tel: 08456 096688; [www.diy.com](http://www.diy.com)
- **Draper Tools** tel: 02380 266355; [www.draper.co.uk](http://www.draper.co.uk)
- **Gardena from Husqvarna** UK tel: 08448 444558; [www.gardena.com](http://www.gardena.com)
- **Hozelock** tel: 0121 313 1122; [www.hozelock.com](http://www.hozelock.com)
- **Kärcher** tel: 01295 752000; [www.karcherwatering.co.uk](http://www.karcherwatering.co.uk)
- **Kingfisher Gardening from Bonnington Plastics** tel: 0115 985 4119; [www.bonningtonplastics.com](http://www.bonningtonplastics.com)
- **Wilko** tel: 08000 329329; [www.wilkinsonplus.com](http://www.wilkinsonplus.com)

### • B&Q Verve Telescopic 8 Function Watering Wand

- **Hand grip** Plastic with lockable on/off trigger and variable water flow dial
- **Head** Adjustable angle; eight spray patterns: mist, shower, jet, flat, cone, triangle, vertical and centre
- **Length** 67cm to 92cm (26½-36¼in)
- **Weight** 387g
- **Comfort** ★★★★★
- **Functionality** ★★★★★
- **Price guide** £14.98



### • Hozelock Telescopic Lance Spray Plus

- **Hand grip** Soft plastic at bottom with lockable on/off trigger; foam on lance
- **Head** Adjustable angle; eight spray patterns: cone, fan, angle, flat, mist, jet, centre, shower
- **Length** 93cm to 145cm (36½-57in)
- **Weight** 733g
- **Comfort** ★★★★★
- **Functionality** ★★★★★
- **Price guide** £24.99



A VERY LONG LANCE, PERFECT FOR AWKWARD PLACES

### • Kärcher Water Sprayer with Extension Lance

- **Hand grip** Plastic with on/off, variable water flow switch
- **Head** Fixed angle; single shower pattern
- **Length** 83cm (32¾in)
- **Weight** 282g
- **Comfort** ★★★★★
- **Functionality** ★★★★★
- **Price guide** £26.49



### • Kingfisher Gardening Telescopic Spray Lance

- **Hand grip** Soft flexible rubber with on/off trigger and variable water flow dial
- **Head** Adjustable angle; nine spray patterns: cone, flat, mist, jet, centre, shower, fan, angle, flood
- **Length** 74cm to 110cm (29-43¼in)
- **Weight** 383g
- **Comfort** ★★★★★
- **Functionality** ★★★★★
- **Price guide** £9.99



GREAT VALUE FOR MONEY AT LESS THAN A TENNER!

### • Gardena Comfort Multi-Function Spray Lance

- **Hand grip** Plastic with lockable on/off trigger and variable water flow switch
- **Head** Fixed angle; four spray patterns: soft spray, bubble jet, hard jet, flat
- **Length** 85cm (33½in)
- **Weight** 323g
- **Comfort** ★★★★★
- **Functionality** ★★★★★
- **Price guide** £24.99



### • Hozelock Lance Spray

- **Hand grip** Plastic with lockable on/off trigger and variable water flow dial
- **Head** Fixed angle; two spray patterns: aerated, fine rose
- **Length** 80cm (31½in)
- **Weight** 344g
- **Comfort** ★★★★★
- **Functionality** ★★★★★
- **Price guide** £18.99



### • Wilko 7 Pattern Hose Wand

- **Hand grip** Soft flexible rubber with lockable on/off trigger and variable water flow switch
- **Head** Adjustable angle; seven spray patterns: cone, flat, mist, full, stream, gentle shower, flood
- **Length** 92cm (36¼in)
- **Weight** 431g
- **Comfort** ★★★★★
- **Functionality** ★★★★★
- **Price guide** £10



### • Draper 8 Pattern Telescopic Shower Lance

- **Hand grip** Soft flexible rubber at bottom with on/off, variable water flow switch; foam on lance
- **Head** Adjustable angle; eight spray patterns: cone, flat, mist, jet, triangle, vertical, centre, shower
- **Length** 74-107cm (29-42in)
- **Weight** 352g
- **Comfort** ★★★★★
- **Functionality** ★★★★★
- **Price guide** £13.25



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### WIN! DRAPER

We have FIVE of these Draper 8 Pattern Telescopic Shower Lances to give away! Send your name and address to Garden News Lance Giveaway, Media House, Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough, PE2 6EA or enter online at [www.greatcompetitions.co.uk](http://www.greatcompetitions.co.uk) Closing date is June 21. Please write 'do not contact' if you don't want to be contacted by us or by carefully selected partner organisations.

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