

# Buyer's guide / Wheelbarrows



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Wheelbarrows are thought to date from 200AD

## Easing the load

Expert tester Geoff Hodge looks at a wide range of wheelbarrows

A WHEELBARROW is a very useful tool for moving all sorts of things around the garden. But it's often seen as the ugly duckling of the gardening equipment world - sitting in the corner of the garden, quietly rusting away.

But wheelbarrows can be beautiful and some can fold away in the shed or garage where they will be protected from the elements, and so last longer, and take up little space. Handgrips are also important as you don't want to end up with lots of blisters.

Although metal bodies, or pans, are traditional, plastic or polypropylene pans are now more popular and, of course, won't rust

and are just as sturdy. Similarly, frames can be made from coated or galvanised steel to provide extra protection from the wet and so help prevent the frame rusting away.

Tyre choice can be important, since a pneumatic tyre will give you better and easier manoeuvrability over rough terrain, although they are prone to punctures. A solid tyre can be more difficult to manoeuvre over uneven ground and may even dig into soft ground with heavy loads.

Other things to look out for are comfortable hand grips - particularly important when moving a heavy, fully-loaded barrow - and for non-folding barrows, even a wheel guard that will help keep the barrow more stable when stored on end.

### Suppliers

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- 📍 **Greenfingers**  
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www.maingate.co.uk
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020 8531 6767  
www.rhinorunna.co.uk

### 📍 Bosmere Folding Wheelbarrow

£28



PERFECT IF YOU'VE ONLY GOT A SMALL SHED TO STORE TOOLS

Powder-coated steel frame and wipe clean, PVC-backed polyester bag. Integral three-pocket tool holder on back. Pneumatic-tyred wheel. Moulded plastic handle grips. Folds up flat when not in use. **Capacity** 45 litres

### 📍 Maingate County Clipper Wheelbarrow

£65



THICK AND CHUNKY WHEELS FOR THE MOST DEMANDING LOAD

Rust-resistant, one-piece galvanised steel frame with square wheel guard, to support the barrow when stored on end, and steel skids on the bottom of the legs to prolong the life of the frame. Durable polypropylene pan (available in blue, burgundy, green and pink). Pneumatic-tyred wheel. Plastic handle grips. **Capacity** 90 litres



### 📍 Greenfingers Premier Folding Wheelbarrow

£26.99



A GOOD CHOICE FOR MOVING LIGHT LOADS

Lightweight aluminium frame and polyester bag. Integral three-pocket tool holder on back. Pneumatic-tyred wheel. Moulded plastic handle grips. Folds up flat when not in use. **Capacity** 35 litres

### 📍 Haemmerlin 5000 Polypropylene Wheelbarrow

£67.75



FITS THE BILL IF YOU WANT A BARROW IN AN UNUSUAL COLOUR

Epoxy coated, one-piece steel frame with rounded wheel guard, to support the barrow when stored on end. Hard wearing polypropylene pan (available in green, lilac, pink and yellow). Pneumatic-tyred wheel. Soft plastic handle grips. **Capacity** 90 litres

### 📍 Parasene Boxer Wheelbarrow

£37.99



GRIPPED HANDLES AND A DEEP PAN MAKE THIS GOOD VALUE

Rust-resistant galvanised steel frame and durable polypropylene pan. Pneumatic-tyred wheel. Moulded plastic handle grips. **Capacity** 85 litres

### 📍 Stadium Rhino Runna

£30



WILL COME IN USEFUL IF WORKING IN TIGHT SPACES

Powder-coated steel frame designed to carry a Rhino Flexi Tub. The tubs can be used separately and then loaded onto the Runna or kept in-situ when heavy materials are being loaded. Solid rubber tyre. Moulded plastic handle grips. Folds up flat when not in use. **Capacity** 40 litre

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