

Hort Tips and News

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Soaker Hose Dilemma

A gardener from Michigan asked *Garden Gate* this question:

I hooked two soaker hoses together and found that the majority of water comes out of the first portion of the hose with little to none at the back. What to do?

After making sure your soaker hose is on level ground (gravity prevents it from working uphill), check the length of your hose. The experts at Gil-mour, a watering tool manufacturer, say that the maximum length for a soaker to work effectively is 100 feet. Don't use a splitter at the spigot as this will decrease water pressure.

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Easy cleaning for garden gloves

When your rubber gloves get dirty, here's a simple solution for drying them: Make a drying rack with empty paper towel rolls and 2 glasses or jars. Wash your gloves, put one roll inside each glove and stand the rolls in upright in a glass, where they dry.

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