

# Get the most out of your ATV



## Clearing Snow

The US Weather Service indicates that there is a high probability that we will get snow. Some owners use their ATV's for more than riding in the woods. They use them for plowing snow. Most 4 wheel drive ATV's will do a great job of moving snow if they are equipped with a plow. This accessory to an ATV makes the job of moving snow much easier than either shoveling or using a snow blower. With an ATV you can ride and push the snow to where it needs to be placed. You can also get an enclosure for the driver on an ATV to make the job more comfortable. No more getting snowed on! A quality plow set up for an ATV will generally cost less than a good quality snow blower that can do the same job. Plows come in various sizes and configurations for different jobs. An ATV with a 42 to 48 inch plow can clear a walkway in one pass without damaging landscaping near the walk.

Things to consider when specifying a plow for your ATV:

- Identify the job you will use the plow for. Is it a walkway, driveway or more open area? Straight plows are good for clearing larger areas. County Plows (Angled blades that are taller on one side) are good for clearing wider continuous roads or paths and Vee plows are good for single pass clearing of narrow paths.
- Size the plow for the job. If you are doing a 42 inch walk and no other areas you should use a 48 inch plow on an angle to clear the walk in one pass. A wider plow might catch landscaping along the path. A larger plow might be appropriate for larger areas and drive ways.
- Consider how you want to lift the plow. You can use a manual lift (lever type), electric lift kit or if you have a winch on your ATV you can use this to lift the plow. Using an existing winch will also save the cost of another lift mechanism.
- For deeper snow you can put side markers on your plow blade to help identify the edges of the blade. You can also get a rubber flap for the top of your blade to help keep the snow from coming over the top of the blade.
- You can get an enclosure to protect the operator from the elements. This is especially useful for larger clearing jobs. The seat and controls will stay dry and the operator will be warmer than without this option.
- If you are doing a large area and want to salt, electric spreaders are available to be mounted on the back of your ATV. This could allow you to complete the job more easily and quickly.

Once you have decided exactly how you want to use your ATV for plowing you can select the individual components you need.

A typical plow set-up includes:

- Plow blade – you decided which type and size you needed in specifying the job you want to do.
- Plow bottom mount – This mounts under your ATV and attaches to the plow push tube.
- Plow Push Tube – This connects the plow to the mount and provides an ability to raise / lower the plow blade as well as angle it right or left.
- Lift Mechanism – you selected the type you want above. This can be manual lift, electric lift or winch. Electric lift kits or winches require wiring the unit to the battery and installation requires more skill than a manual lift kit.
- Plow Blade Side Markers – Helps identify the edges of your plow especially in deeper snow.
- Plow Blade Rubber Flap – Helps keep snow in front of the plow. Deep snow can spill over the top of the plow blade without this option.

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## Grounds Work

ATV's do a great job of helping ease grounds work. Many optional accessories are available. One of the best and most useful options is a utility trailer to tow behind your ATV. During this time of year many people are preparing for winter by clearing some of their property and collecting fire wood for use during winter. A small utility trailer and rack / basket for your ATV can make these jobs easier and quicker. Carry your tools out to where you want to work on our ATV and bring back fire wood or other material in the trailer. The trailers that are available also have dump bodies which makes them suitable for moving landscaping materials. If you are mulching areas around your property you can move the material easily.

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