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## **Garden Machetes**

Today on Gardening in a Minute: garden machetes.

You may think of swarthy characters like Indiana Jones when you think of machetes, but these oversized knives also make great garden tools.

If you have an overgrown corner of your landscape, a machete can help you easily remove vines and semi-woody perennials from this area.

A machete can be helpful when you're cutting back bananas after a freeze or lifting and dividing perennials.

You can also use a machete to chop yard waste into smaller pieces, which makes it easier for the waste to decompose in your compost bin.

Of course, it's always critical to use your machete safely, since its sharp blade can cause serious harm to any body parts that get in the way.

As long as you keep safety in mind, you'll love having a versatile garden tool like a machete!

For more information about garden tools and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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