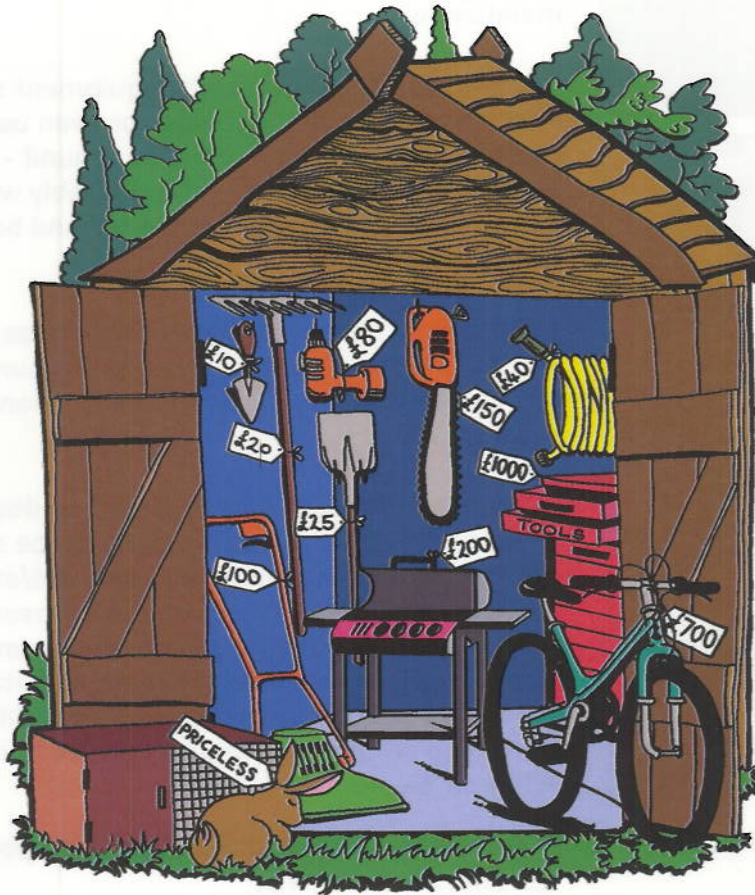


# How much is your garden equipment worth?

It's worth something to a burglar...

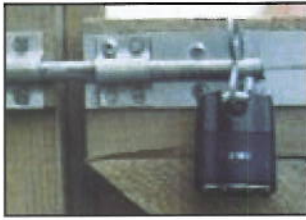


so it's worth investing in good quality locks  
and it's worth a few seconds to lock it away



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# Top tips:



- Secure your rear garden by shutting and locking any gates. You should also check any boundary fences to make sure they are secure and well maintained.



- Put away tools and gardening equipment securely after use - they could be stolen or even used to break into your home if left lying around - and remember to lock your shed, preferably with two 'hasp and staple' locks near the top and bottom of the door.



- Tools and gardening equipment should be visibly marked with your postcode and house number - this can deter thieves and help police identify the rightful owner.



- Remember to always lock your garage door securely. Metal 'up and over' doors can be secured with extra locks fitted to either side and/or a floor-mounted locking 'T' bar with a closed shackle padlock. Wooden garage doors can be secured with two substantial hasps and staples and closed shackle padlocks (your local DIY store can advise on the most secure options - or contact Police on the number below).

**For more detailed security advice, please visit [www.herts.police.uk](http://www.herts.police.uk) or contact us on 101.**

You can also register any **valuables** on the free database [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). It is quick and easy to do and can help police return them to you if they are lost or stolen.

