

Storing a tractor for an extended time period

1. If possible, store indoors or at least under cover to protect the tractor from the elements.
2. Block up the tractor, taking the weight off the tires to help them retain their round shape and keep them out of any moisture on the ground or floor.
3. Disconnect the fuel line from the carburetor, open the fuel shutoff valve fully and drain the fuel from the tank into a container. Replace fuel cap but do not tighten.
4. Loosen the finger nut on the fuel sediment bowl, breaking the bowl loose if necessary, to prevent damage to the cork gasket.
5. Remove the plug from the bottom of the carburetor bowl and drain the fuel.
6. Reconnect the fuel line to the carburetor and reinstall the plug.
7. Drain the radiator and the block. Close the drain cocks.
8. Replace the radiator cap but do not tighten.
9. Remove spark plugs. Squirt two tablespoons of light oil into each cylinder. Replace the spark plugs but do not connect the wires. Turn the engine over a few times to distribute the oil onto the cylinder walls and valves. Reconnect wires.
10. Remove battery, keeping it out of the sun where it won't freeze.
11. Insert a rag in the exhaust pipe to keep out insects and rodents. Place a can or plastic bottle over the exhaust pipe if it is vertical.
12. When ready to make the tractor operable again, recharge the battery, change the oil and filter, refill the radiator with coolant, remove the rag or cover from the exhaust pipe, tighten the finger nut on the fuel sediment bowl and add fuel.