Workplace Safety Committee Tip
Gardening Safety

- **Wear a sturdy pair of gardening gloves** to protect your hands against cuts, insect bites, soil, thorns and skin irritants.
- **Keep tools well-maintained and properly stored**; e.g., close the blades on shears/hedge clippers with the safety catch when the job's done, and keep the blades of shears/clippers sharp by using a sharpening stone, or take them to your local garden center for sharpening.
- **Hang up spades, forks, clippers, hoes and rakes after use** – alleviates tripping hazards.
- **Electrical equipment** should never be used in wet weather.
- **Lock away chemicals**, such as weed killers and insecticides.
- **Keep a first aid kit handy** and make certain you and your family members are up to date with your tetanus vaccinations.