

Hori Hori Garden Tasks Guide

One knife, five everyday jobs. Use this guide with any hori hori garden knife — including the PERWIN 7-inch model reviewed on ZoxDeal — to transplant, weed, measure planting depth, and divide perennials faster, plus the simple care routine that keeps the blade sharp for years.

1. Transplanting Seedlings

- CHECK: Push the blade straight down beside the seedling and rock it gently to open a clean hole.
- CHECK: Use the bowl of the blade as a scoop to lift the root ball with its soil intact.
- CHECK: Set the plant so the soil line on the stem matches the bed level — too deep rots stems, too shallow dries roots.
- CHECK: Backfill, firm the soil with the flat of the blade, then water the hole, not the leaves.

2. Weeding — Get the Whole Root

- CHECK: Slide the blade down alongside the taproot, deeper than you think the root goes.
- CHECK: Lever gently against the blade while pulling the weed upward with your other hand.
- CHECK: For thick roots that resist, cut a small circle around the root with the serrated edge first, then lever.
- CHECK: Never use the knife as a pry bar on big roots — cut first, lever second, and the blade will not flex or snap.

3. Bulb Depth Measuring

The depth marks etched on the blade are your ruler. Push the blade into the soil, read the mark at soil level, and plant when the hole matches the bulb's rule of thumb: two to three times the bulb's own height.

Bulb	Planting depth
Tulips	6–8 inches
Daffodils	about 6 inches
Hyacinths	4–6 inches
Crocus	3–4 inches
Garlic cloves	2–3 inches, pointy end up
Onion sets	1–2 inches, tip just at the surface

4. Dividing Perennials

- CHECK: Dig a circle around the clump with the blade, then lift the whole root ball out.
- CHECK: Use the serrated edge to saw through the crown and split the clump into sections.
- CHECK: Keep at least three healthy shoots and a fistful of roots on every division.
- CHECK: Replant divisions at their original depth and water them in the same day.

5. Blade Care & Sharpening

- CHECK: Rinse soil off after every session and dry the blade fully — stainless resists rust, it does not ignore it.
- CHECK: Hand wash only. Never leave the knife soaking or sitting outside in the rain.
- CHECK: Touch up the smooth edge on a whetstone or with a fine file, following the factory angle, whenever cutting feels dull.
- CHECK: Sharpen serrations only with a tapered rod that fits the teeth — or leave them to a professional.
- CHECK: Rub a drop of mineral or camellia oil into the walnut handle when it looks dry, and check the rivets for tightness each season.
- CHECK: Store the knife in its sheath, indoors, on its hanging hole — never loose in a wet bucket.

Safety: the blade has two working edges. Carry it sheathed on your belt, cut away from your body, and keep it out of children's reach.

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