

Home Rototilling Options

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1) Consider Alternatives to Machine Tilling

Tilling can destroy soil structure and interfere with microbial life

[University of New Hampshire: Proven tips and solutions for reducing tillage in the home garden](#)

[University of Nebraska Extension: Converting to no-till for home gardeners](#)

Borrow a **brood fork** from the Resource Center. This tool loosens soil without damage.

2) Borrow a Tiller

[Capital Area Housing Partnership \(Note: available only to City of Lansing residents\)](#)

600 West Maple St. Suite D, Lansing, 48906 / 517-332-4663

3) Rent a Tiller

[Haslett True Value](#)

1581 Haslett Rd. / 517-339-2829 / \$15/hr; discounts for multiple hour rentals

[Home Depot](#)

936 S. Waverly Rd, Lansing / 517-323-0229 / various models available for rent

[AC&E Rental](#)

Okemos: 517-349-2220 / Grand Ledge: 517-627-2121 / various models available for rent

4) Contract Someone to Till

*Ensure that the equipment will fit into your yard/garden space before booking

Steve / Mason area / 517-803-6787

[Other contractors listed on Craigslist: Lansing.Craigslist \(services: farm+garden\)](#)

*** Note: If you are tilling a grass-covered area, you will need a large, heavy-duty tiller. Small tillers will handle pre-loosened areas only.**