

Riding Lawn Mower vs. Zero-Turn – What is the difference?

What is the difference between a riding lawn mower and a zero-turn? Which one might be best for which consumer? Where can you learn more about each one of these machines? Hopefully, the chart below can answer a few of the questions you might have regarding the differences.

	Riding Lawn Mowers	Zero-Turns
IDENTIFICATION	The engine is in front of the deck and it is rear-wheel drive.	The engine is in the rear of the deck and it has rear wheel independent steering allowing for a shorter turning radius.
STEERING	Steers just like a car -- with a steering wheel.	Uses levers to steer
FEATURES	Range of HP from 12.5 to 21 Range of Deck sizes from 38 to 60 Inches	Range of HP from 18 to 26 Range of Deck Sizes from 36 to 72 Inches
BENEFITS	More stable on uneven or narrow passes of lawn	Can eliminate the need for trimming with its ability to provide a close cut.
COST	Prices range from \$2000 to \$8000	Prices range from \$2300 to \$6000
CUT	The wheels of the tractor go over the lawn first before the mower.	The mower goes over the lawn first before the wheels for a cleaner more even cut.
TIME		Reduces lawn maintenance time by about 1/3

What makes us so knowledgeable? We have been an equipment dealership for over 70 years and have been selling zero-turns since 2004. We offer two different lines of riding lawn mowers and zero-turns, Toro since 2004 and Kubota since 2010.

The best way to know which lawn maintenance tool is right for you is to come on in and give both a test drive. Charles S. Snyder Inc. is located on route 443 between Tamaqua and Lehigh. We are open Monday-Friday from 8AM-5PM and Saturdays from 8AM-Noon. We are, also, open evenings by appointment; simply give us a call at 570-386-5945 to set one up.