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Jackhammer stairs and stumps

I rent an electric jackhammer from the Home Depot contractor store. The garage stairs go. Stumps too.



The Sunnyvale house I bought in 2008 was pretty rough. The bushes and trees were wildly overgrown. There had been a remodel that paved over the garage door for the kitchen, but they left the steps in the garage despite the door being nailed shut.

An early task as new owner was to cut down a lot of overgrown bushes. That left a lot of stumps. The garage had been converted to an apartment they could rent out, so I ripped that out, installed a garage door, and pulled in my five Sportsters.

I put up with the stairs and the stumps for three months. Then I went to the Home Depot contractor store. I think it was called HDC or something. They had a nice electric jackhammer to rent. I did not want the hassle of an air-powered one, I would have to tow a compressor home to use it.

The jackhammer came with its own nifty red dolly. This was only electric version they had. I have had a Bosch electric drill charger go bad, but this thing did great.





You can see the steps nestled next to my XR-1000 motorcycle. There will be much more room in the garage with the stairs gone. The door is nailed shut, a former remodel put a wall up on the other side.



Here is the jackhammer bit doing its thing on the bottom step. It broke apart in less than an hour. It was a great feeling.



Here are the steps ready to get jack-hammered.



Don't be an idiot, use safety glasses or a mask.



The lower step demolished, it went really great.



Here's the money shot of the crumbled stairs after the jackhammer did its thing. Despite being electric, it worked.



The jackhammer came with a spade bit. Since I had to cut through roots I sharpened up the bit.



There were several other stumps I cut out.



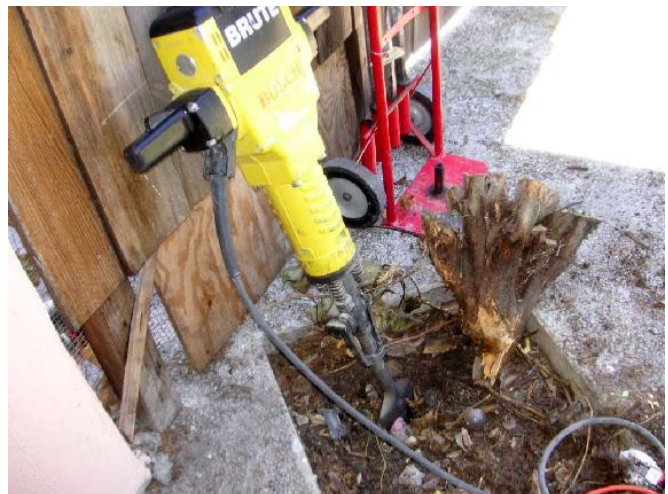
Here is one stump soon to be dispatched.



A big stump that was in a hole in the porch concrete, in the way of a door in the fence. Duh.



Boom, piece of cake. The jackhammer sliced right deep down at the roots. It never grew back.



The jackhammer made quick work of that stump too. Its great when you can get stairs and stumps taken care of at once.