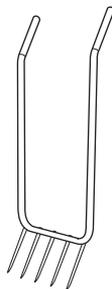


### Assembly

1. Insert the handles into the hollow tubes of the fork section, lining up the bolt holes.
2. Make sure the handles are angled in a direction opposite to the fork section (see **Figure 1**).
3. Insert the bolts into the holes provided to hold the handles in place. Attach the nuts and tighten.
4. If the hand grips are not already installed, slide them onto the exposed ends of the handles. Soapy water will make this much easier. Just dip the hand grips into soapy water and then slide them onto the handles.

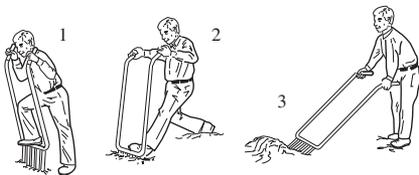


**Figure 1: Assembly.**

### Usage

The U-bar digger is quite strong. However, it is not designed to withstand extreme stresses such as those created by prying out large rocks. Such extreme stress will cause bent tines.

The U-bar digger works effectively in all types of soil, enabling the user to loosen soil down 10" or more without disturbing the soil's strata. It is used much like a fork (see **Figure 2**).



**Figure 2: Using the U-bar digger.**

1. Hold the U-bar digger in an upright position with the tines pointed straight down.
2. Step on the "U" portion of the U-bar digger, using your weight to push the tines into the soil.
3. With the tines fully inserted into the soil, step back and pull the handles toward you and down towards the ground. Rock the handles from side to side to break up clods and allow them to fall through the tines.
4. Pull the U-bar digger back about 12" and start again. It is easier to work moving backwards one step each time.

### Maintenance and Storage

The U-bar digger's tines should be cleaned with water and a bristle brush (to remove soil) and then oiled to deter rusting. The handles can be removed, if desired, for easier storage. A fresh coat of paint may be necessary from time to time.