Fitted Lawn Torch Cover

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ABSTRACT
A lawn torch cover comprising a sheath to envelope a fuel canister and a wick attached to a lawn torch, an opening connected to a bottom portion of the sheath, where the opening enables the fuel canister and the wick to slide into and out of the sheath, and a drawstring attached to the bottom portion of the sheath and encircles a torch stand fastened below the fuel canister, wherein the drawstring tightens the sheath around the fuel canister and the wick to prevent damage to the lawn torch.
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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] 1. Field of the Invention

[0002] The present invention relates to a sheath or covering to be placed over a fuel canister and wick of a lawn torch to protect the components from inclement weather and moisture to improve the durability and lifespan of the lawn torch.

[0003] 2. Description of Related Art

[0004] Many people enjoy decorating their backyards, pool areas and porches with various items such as flamingos, gnomes, umbrellas, tiki torches and even sound systems. Whether the items are for the person's own aesthetic appeal or because they wish to entertain guests, the objects create a reflection of the person's own tastes and style. One of the most popular items to use in the lawn or for general outdoor decoration is the tiki torch or lawn torch. The torches provide a tropical feel to the decor and offer light and warmth during the evenings. Some of the torches may even have chemicals like citronella in their fuel canisters to keep bugs and pests away.

[0005] While the lawn torches are popular items to keep for their aesthetic qualities and practical utility they are not always easy to maintain. For example, they cannot be left exposed to harsh weather especially rain or snow. If the fuel canister or the wick gets too wet they may not be reusable which causes wasted product and wasted money. To prevent damage the owners must ensure that they collect the torches and store them before the bad weather comes. Some people try covering the torches with plastic bags in hopes to prevent damage, but often times the bags are flimsy and are either damaged themselves or blow off.

[0006] It would be desirable in the art to provide a cover for the lawn torches that can be quickly wrapped around the torch when inclement weather arrives. It would also be beneficial to have a cover with a securing means to ensure that the cover does not come off or blow away.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0007] In view of the foregoing disadvantages inherent in the prior art, the general purpose of the present invention is to provide a lawn torch cover to protect a fuel canister and a wick from damage.

[0008] An object of the present invention is to provide a device which is easily applied to the lawn torch when inclement weather comes.

[0009] Another object of the present invention is to provide a securing means around the bottom portion of the cover to ensure that the cover does not blow away or allow moisture in through the bottom opening.

[0010] An aspect of the present invention is to provide a lawn torch cover comprising a sheath to envelope a fuel canister and a wick attached to a lawn torch, an opening connected to a bottom portion of the sheath, where the opening enables the fuel canister and the wick to slide into and out of the sheath, and a drawstring attached to the bottom portion of the sheath and encircles a torch stand fastened below the fuel canister, wherein the drawstring tightens the sheath around the fuel canister and the wick to prevent damage to the lawn torch.

[0011] These together with other aspects of the present invention, along with the various features of novelty that characterize the present invention, are pointed out with particularity in the claims annexed hereto and form a part of this present invention. For a better understanding of the present invention, its operating advantages, and the specific objects attained by its uses, reference should be made to the accompanying drawings and descriptive matter in which there are illustrated exemplary embodiments of the present invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0012] The advantages and features of the present invention will become better understood with reference to the following detailed description and claims taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, wherein like elements are identified with like symbols, and in which:

[0013] FIG. 1 depicts a perspective view of a fitted lawn torch cover in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention; and

[0014] FIG. 2 depicts an enlarged perspective view of a fitted lawn torch cover in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

[0015] Like reference numerals refer to like parts throughout the description of several views of the drawings.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0016] The present invention relates to a lawn torch cover to ensure that the torch fuel canisters and wicks remain dry. The lawn torch covers provide protection and a barrier to inclement weather especially rain and snow which can moisten the wick and ruin the torch. Practical and easy to use, the lawn torch cover is mounted over the wick and fuel canister of the lawn torch and is firmly held in place by a drawstring. The cover is made from a waterproof material to ensure the torch remains dry, thus extending the life of the torch. Ideal for lawn, patio and campfire areas, the lawn torch cover safeguards the torch for operational use each time needed.

[0017] Turning now descriptively to the drawings, referring to FIG. 1, a perspective view of a fitted lawn torch cover (10) is shown in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. The fitted lawn torch cover (10) includes a sheath (12), an opening (16) and a drawstring (18). The sheath (12) may be made from a flexible, waterproof material, which envelops a top portion of a lawn torch or tiki torch. The flexible, waterproof material may be nylon, plastic, treated canvas or other similar materials commonly used for weatherproof covers. The sheath (12) may wrap around the top portion of the lawn torch to protect a wick from the surrounding elements like rain, wind, moisture or even snow. The sheath (12) has upper portion or a top (14) which may provide a protective cover for the underlying wick. The sheath (12) may be an enclosed sock-like casing to cover the lawn torch, or the sheath (12) may have a side zipper for easier placement of the sheath over the lawn torch. The side zipper may extend from the top (14) to the opening to enable a person to simply wrap the opened sheath around the lawn torch, zip the side and then secure the lawn torch cover (10) with the drawstring (18).

[0018] At a bottom portion of the sheath (12) is the opening (16). The opening (16) accepts the lawn torch into the sheath (12) and then slides down to an upper portion of a torch stand (20) of the lawn torch. After the lawn torch passes through the opening (16) and into the sheath (12) the drawstring (18) may tighten the sheath (12) around the upper portion of the torch stand (20). The drawstring (18) may prevent the sheath (12) from removal during inclement weather, and protect the lawn torch from water or moisture. At an opposing end of the torch
stand (20) from the lawn torch cover (10) is a base (22). The base (22) may secure where the lawn torch is placed in a yard, porch, pool or the like.

[0019] Referring now to FIG. 2, an enlarged perspective view of the lawn torch cover (10) is shown in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. The lawn torch cover (10) is illustrated wrapped around a fuel canister (24) and a wick (26). The wick (26) must be protected from water and moisture thus the sheath (12) combined with the drawstring (18) keeps the undesired elements away from the wick (26) and the fuel canister (24). The opening (16) may joined with the drawstring (18) (as shown in FIG. 1) or the opening (16) may hang below the drawstring (18) (as shown in FIG. 2). Both designs may sufficiently accept the wick (26) and fuel canister (24) through the opening (16).

[0020] Accordingly, the drawstring (18) may be tightened and releasable with either a pull cord closure or a knot tied at the ends of the drawstring (18) strings. The cords of the drawstring (18) may be made of elastic or conventional string durable enough to sufficiently secure the lawn torch cover (10) around the torch stand (20). The drawstring (18) may be sewn into the opening (16) or the sheath (12) to keep the drawstring (18) in a single location. If the zipper runs along the side of the sheath (12) two pull cord closures may be utilized to create a tight fit around the torch stand. Once secured the wick (26) and fuel container (24) will be protected and preserved to improve the life span and enjoyment of the lawn torch.

[0021] The foregoing description of specific embodiments of the present invention have been presented for purposes of illustration and description. They are not intended to be exhaustive or to limit the invention to the precise forms disclosed, and obviously many modifications and variations are possible in light of the above teaching. The exemplary embodiment was chosen and described in order to best explain the principles of the invention and its practical application, to thereby enable others skilled in the art to best utilize the invention and various embodiments with various modifications as are suited to the particular use contemplated.

What is claimed is:
1. A lawn torch cover comprising:
a sheath to envelope a fuel canister and a wick attached to a lawn torch;
an opening connected to a bottom portion of said sheath, where said opening enables said fuel canister and said wick to slide into and out of said sheath; and
a drawstring attached to said bottom portion of said sheath and encircles a torch stand fastened below said fuel canister, wherein said drawstring tightens said sheath around said fuel canister and said wick to prevent damage to said lawn torch.
2. The lawn torch cover of claim 1, wherein said drawstring is a pull cord closure.
3. The lawn torch cover of claim 1, wherein said drawstring is a set of strings to create a knot to secure around said torch stand.
4. The lawn torch cover of claim 1, wherein said opening hangs below said drawstring.
5. The lawn torch cover of claim 1, wherein said sheath is made from a flexible waterproof material.
6. The lawn torch cover of claim 1, wherein said sheath may have a zipper attached to a side portion of said sheath, where said zipper extends from a top portion of said sheath to said opening.

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