



West Bay Sanitary District Code of Safe Practice

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Questions or comments regarding this
Code of Safe Practice should be directed
to the Regulatory Compliance Coordinator.

Auger, Hand Held Power

- Review safe work practices for applicable equipment (including rental equipment) and perform pre-operational checks.
- Review and understand the manufacturer's operator's manual for this equipment.
- Never leave the machine unattended with the engine running.
- Inspect auger for loose nuts and bolts and damaged bits (bits shall be sharp).
- Locate underground utilities prior to digging. Contact Utilities Underground Services (USA Alert).
- Do not apply direct pressure to auger. Let the auger go down by itself.
- Use a minimum of two people to operate the auger, keep a firm grip.
- Be sure of footing and watch for kickback.
- Allow engine to cool before refueling.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Protection Area	PPE Required
Eye	Safety glasses or goggles meeting the ANSI Z87.1 Standard.
Face	Face shield to protect face from flying objects when appropriate.
Hand	Work gloves.
Head	Hardhat.
Foot	Leather steel toe safety shoes or boots.
Body	Protective clothing with long sleeve shirt and long leg pants.
Respiratory	
Hearing	Wear earplugs or earmuffs as necessary.