



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.

Grass Trimmer

- Pre-inspect equipment including rental equipment.
- Review and understand the manufacturer's operator's manual for this equipment.
- Use adequate footwear, snug fitting clothing, eye protection, hearing protection, and head protection devices.
- Always use the following precautions when handling fuel and refueling the grass trimmer:
 - Store fuel in approved container.
 - Do not smoke while handling fuel.
 - Always stop engine of the trimmer to refuel.
 - Beware of static electricity and sparks between trimmer and fuel cans.
 - Avoid spilling fuel and oil.
 - Do not remove fuel cap when engine is running.
 - Move trimmer at least 10 feet (3 meters) away from the fueling point before starting trimmer's engine.
- Always use properly mixed fuel in trimmers.
- Before starting engine, make sure trimmer's head is not contacting any object.
- Do not allow other persons to be near the trimmer when starting or cutting.
- Always hold trimmer firmly with both hands when you are operating.
- Keep all parts of the body away from the trimmer when the trimmer is being operated.
- Do not operate a trimmer that is damaged or improperly assembled.
- All trimmers shall be equipped with a muffler and a spark arrestor.

- Operate trimmers only in well-ventilated areas.
- Be aware of hidden objects when trimming.
- Always keep the trimmer's handles clean of fuel and oils.
- Do not wear jewelry when operating the trimmer (rings, watches, neck chains, or key chains).
- Use caution when operating the trimmer on rocky or uneven terrain.
- Keep the trimmer in the upright position to keep from spilling fuel.
- Operate the trimmer at full throttle when cutting grass. Use a slow swinging motion and cut with the tip of the trimmer line (this will maximize the trimmer line service life and avoid premature clutch failure).
- Do not bank or bounce the trimmer head on the ground when operating the trimmer.
- Clean the air element every ten hours of use. Also, remove and clean spark plug.
- Every fifty hours of use, grease the trimmer head.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Protection Area	PPE Required
Eye	Safety glasses or goggles meeting the ANSI Z87.1 Standard.
Face	Face shield, screen type to prevent flying objects from striking the face.
Hand	Work gloves.
Head	Hardhat where appropriate.
Foot	Leather steel toe safety shoes or boots.
Body	Protective clothing with long sleeve shirts and long leg pants.
Respiratory	N95 dust mask where appropriate.
Hearing	Wear earplugs or earmuffs as necessary.