



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 |
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| 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. |