



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.

Pressure Washer

This Code of Safe Practice shall be followed to provide a safe work practice while operating a pressure washer.

Your safety and the safety of others is very important. The manufacturer has provided important safety messages in their owner's manual and should be reviewed prior to the use of any pressure washer. To operate the pressure washer in a safe manner, follow the following safe work practices.

- Do not attempt to install or operate a pressure washer until you have read the owner's manual provided by the manufacturer. If the operator is not able to read English, have the owner's manual explained fully before attempting to operate the pressure washer.
- Electric Models: The pressure washer must be properly grounded to avoid fatal electrical shock in the event that it becomes accidentally grounded. Have electrical connections made by a qualified electrician if you do not know how to perform this task.
- Electric Models: Disconnect the pressure washer from electrical source before making any repairs.
- The pressure washer is designed to produce very high pressure and temperature at gun tip. To prevent injury or damage, hold cleaning gun securely at all times when pump is in operation and fluid is being sprayed.
- Check cleaning equipment, remote hose, gun, wand and fittings prior to operation. Do not operate the pressure washer with a damaged or worn hose, leaks, or with any covers off that would expose belts, pulleys or electrical devices or connections.
- Gas Operated: Do not operate the pressure washer when there is an odor of gas present. If you operate the pressure washer when there is an odor of gas, it could result in injury to you or other personnel.
- Tampering with the pressure washer's factory preset unloader valve settings and/or the pressure relief valve setting could result in a pressure washer

explosion. Do not attempt to change the settings. Discontinue use if a malfunction occurs and contact your or report to immediate supervisor.

- Do not operate the pressure washer with a malfunctioning burner or burner controls. Inspect the burner and burner control operation before each use. Failure to do so may result in an explosion. If you suspect a problem with the burner, discontinue use immediately and report to your immediate supervisor.

LIQUID PETROLEUM OR NATURAL GAS FIRED PRESSURE WASHER

- For your safety, if you smell gas:
 1. . Operate in well ventilated areas.
 2. Do not touch electrical switches.
 3. Turn off breaker switch supplying power to pressure washer. Close gas supply valve to pressure washer.
 4. Extinguish any open flame.
 5. Immediately evacuate premises and call 911.
- Pressure washers can cause an explosion when operated near flammable materials and vapors. DO NOT – use this type of pressure washer with or near fuels, grain dust, solvents, thinners, or other flammable materials.
- Pressure washers must be installed in compliance with all applicable gas codes. Failure to do so could result in injury to you or to other personnel.
- Do not point wand at people or animals. Results could be fatal.
- Do not fuel or refuel liquid petroleum pressure washer while machine is running or hot ; allow cooling first.
- Keep hands and face away from hot parts of burner, especially the exhaust pipe.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Protection Area	PPE Required
Eye	Safety glasses with side shields or goggles.
Face	Face shield if there could be projectiles that could hit the face.
Hand	Work gloves.
Head	If required, wear hard hat.
Foot	Leather steel toe or composite toe boots.
Body	If required, water-resistant or water proof clothing.
Respiratory	
Hearing	Wear earplugs or earmuffs as necessary.