



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.

Weed Whacker

This Code of Safe Practice shall be followed to provide a safe work environment while operating a weed whacker/trimmer.

- Always wear safety glasses, dust mask and ear plugs/muffs when operating a weed whacker.
- All guards must be in place while in use.
- When cleaning or servicing any type weed whacker, it is to be disconnected from its power source or otherwise made inoperable by removing the spark plug.
- No person or animals are to be within a 33 foot radius of weed whacker operation.
- Weed whacker is always to be operated at a slow or safe speed.
- Always inspect the weed whacker prior to operating by walking around it and looking for loose bolts, juts, etc.
- Never leave the weed whacker running unattended at any time.
- Always use the blade suited for the job.
- Do not hit rocks, stones, tree stumps and other foreign objects with the blade.
- Do not cut into the ground with the blade.
- Always use the steel debris shield with metal blades.
- Do not operate with a dull, bent, fractured or discolored blade.
- Always wear hearing protection.
- Always wear a hard hat.
- Always wear non-slip gloves while operating the power pruner.
- Avoid wearing loose clothing, scarf, necktie or jewelry.
- Never wear open toed shoes or go barefoot or bare legged.

- Refuel before starting work.
- Handle gasoline with care.
- Do not smoke while handling fuel.
- Do not refuel a hot engine.
- Avoid spilling fuel or oil.
- Always wipe power pruner dry before using.
- Always mix the gasoline/oil fuel mixture before adding it to the fuel tank.
- Move at least 10 feet away from the fueling point before starting engine.
- Always store gasoline in an approved container.
- Use only “Safety Cans” equipped with anti-flashback nozzles.
- Always drain the gas tank before storing for more than a few days.
- Do not operate in unventilated area.
- Do not allow bystanders or animals in work area.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Protection Area	PPE Required
Eye	Safety glasses with side shields or goggles complying with the ANSI Z87.1 standard.
Face	Face screen shield to protect the face from sawdust.
Hand	Work gloves.
Head	
Foot	Leather steel toe or composite toe safety shoes or boots.
Body	Tight fitting clothing.
Respiratory	Wear the equivalent to a N95 HEPA respirator.
Hearing	Wear earplugs or earmuffs as necessary.