



Landscape Equipment - Lawn Edger



Lawn edger's can be dangerous when used improperly. To minimize the risk of injury, employees must be properly trained before operating. Proper training should include a review of the operator's manual as well as a skills evaluation to ensure you understand the features of the equipment and can use it safely. Document all training with signoffs from each employee, when completed.

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Always take the following precautions when operating the lawn edger:

- Wear protective goggles or safety glasses with side shields to protect your eyes from debris
- Never wear loose clothing or jewelry, which can get caught in moving parts from operating the lawn edger
- When operating the lawn edger, wear gloves that fit properly and don't have loose cuffs or drawstrings
- Use ear protectors or ear plugs rated for at least 20 dba
- Wear long pants when operating the lawn edger
- Always keep bystanders at least 50 feet away from your work area and stop the engine when another person or pet approaches
- Be aware of exposure to outdoor environments, including:
 - Tree roots
 - Pipes
 - Sprinkler heads
 - Toys
 - Insects
 - Sun
 - Allergens
- Train all employees with equipment handling, job hazards and exposures before use
- Be aware of exposure to exhaust gases from fuel-powered equipment, such as carbon monoxide in poorly ventilated areas
- Never allow children to operate the lawn edger
- Know how to stop the lawn edger quickly in case of an emergency
- Never use an edger without ensuring that all guards and shields are in place
- Never temper with safety devices
- Only one person should operate the lawn edger at a time
- Never operate the machine when under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication
- Stay alert for hidden hazards or traffic
- Keep all nuts and bolts tight and keep the equipment in good operating condition

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