Safety T.E.S.T.

Task/Equipment Specific Training

String Trimmer

Company Name		Instructor			Date	
Recommended Personal Protective Equipment						
Safety Glasses, Hearing Protection, Gloves, Above the Ankle Lace-up Work Boots, Safety Vest (while working near roadways and parking lots)						
Sequence of Basic Job Steps & Potential Hazards		s Pictures	Recommended Action or Procedure			
	Examine the work area and equipment before working. Stones, pine cones, sticks, or trash could injure others, yourself, or cause property damage. Slip and Falls.	and a second	 Remove any object that can be thrown by the string trimmer and cause injury or property damage. Identify areas of potential slips and falls, pine straw beds, wet walkways, etc. Check the condition of the string trimmer. Make repairs, replace necessary parts, and tighten loose bolts before using. 			
	Fuel equipment. Fires, Splashing gas in eyes, or adding wrong fuel mixture.	r	 DO NOT SMOKE or have an open flame while fueling. Let equipment cool down before fueling. Remove cap carefully. Wear safety glasses when fueling. Ensure that you are using the correct fuel. 			
	Starting equipment. Slip or Falls, Strains.		 Set the string trimmer on level and stable ground. Follow owner's manual on choke and throttle positions. Use one arm to pull back on cord and the other should hold the string trimmer steady. Avoid using your back to pull. 			
	Use equipment to cut down vegetation. Strains/Sprains, Flying Debris, Slips, Trips, Falls, High noise levels, Vehicle Traffic, Lacerations.	 Hold equipment with both hands. Avoid twisting body, move arms and shoulders in slow steady sweeps. Wear safety glasses and keep string trimmer close to ground. Always operate with guard attached. Wear work boots with good tread. Pay attention to surroundings. Wear appropriate hearing protection. Always face traffic and wear high vis safety vest. Wear abrasion-resistant gloves. NEVER turn string trimmer on its side to use as an edger. Stop operations when pedestrians are nearby. Never leave the machine running and unattended. Keep hands and feet well clear of the strings or blades. Watch the direction of the discharge carefully. Direct it away from cars, windows, people, etc. 				
	Replacing strings or other cutting attachments. Lacerations, Getting fingers/hand caught in turning attachments.		 Ensure blades or strings have stopped turning before replacing. Unplug spark plug before replacing strings or blades. 			
	Shut down equipment. Fires from hot exhaust, Rotating attachments.		 Do not place exhaust from equipment near combustible maleaves. Keep clear of attachments until they stop rotating. 			
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