FAQ – Seeder Use

What Personal Protective Equipment is required?
When operating this equipment wear:
• Hearing protection ear muffs or ear plugs
• Safety glasses or face screen with prescription glasses
• Snug fitting and durable clothing, jean or long pants no shorts or cut-offs
• Heavy duty non-slip gloves
• Safety boots
• Do not wear clothing/items that could get caught in equipment

What should I do prior to operating?
• Prior to operating any equipment review the operator’s manual to familiarize yourself with the equipment.
• Inspect the equipment as outlined in operator’s manual including the following:
  • Check tires and tire pressure
  • Check blades for wear or damage
  • Clean debris from under machine
  • Check for loose fasteners

How do I safely operate the equipment?
• Inspect area where equipment is being used remove all obstructions.
• Verify that the operator presence controls, safety switches, guards and shields are attached and functional
• Stop the machine, stop the engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and raise the blades when leaving the controls
• Stop the machine, stop the engine, and inspect blades after striking an object or if abnormal vibrations occur.
• Keep hands and feet out of blade area
• Be alert and slow down when making turns
• Use caution when turning machine.
• Do not operate near drop offs, ditches or steep banks – wheel drop could cause rollovers.

How do I safely add fuel?
When adding fuel observe the following
• If required mix fuel and oil as per operator’s manual.
• Always mix fuel outdoors
• Always shut off the motor
• Let the motor cool before adding fuel
• Do not smoke or place hot objects near fuel
• Open fuel cap slowly to release pressure gently
• Tighten fuel cap carefully after refueling
• Move the machine away from the area of refueling before trying to restart.
• If fuel is spilled on machine, wipe up the spillage and allow for the remaining fuel to evaporate
• If fuel is spilled on your clothes change your clothing and wash any parts of your body that has come in contact with the fuel
• If fuel is leaking from the machine remove from use until repaired.

What are some of the hazards?
• Wearing loose clothing that could result in getting caught in moving parts
• Hearing loss by failing to wear hearing protection properly
• Suffering eye of face injury from not using eye and face protection
• Loss of control resulting in a roll over due to wet surfaces on slopes

What if I have other concerns?
If you have any concerns or questions speak to your:
1. Supervisor,
2. Health and safety representative, or
3. Contact EHS