

What Personal Protective Equipment is required?

When operating this equipment wear:

- Hearing protection ear muffs or ear plugs
- Safety glasses
- Face shield if wearing 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 tiller for loose fasteners
 - Inspect tines for excessive damage or wear
 - Check tires

How do I safely operate the equipment?

- Inspect work area and remove foreign objects
- Start according to Manufacturer's directions
- Do not operate without safety boots.
- Keep hands and feet away from rotating parts
- After striking a foreign object, stop engine, remove spark plug and inspect for damage.
- Maintain good footing and exercise caution to avoid slipping or falling
- Stop the engine if there is abnormal vibration and have machine checked.
- Do not operate without proper guards in place
- Do not operate indoors due to exhaust fumes
- Do not overload machine's capacity by tilling too deep.
- Never operate at high speed of slippery surfaces.

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?

- Hearing loss by failing to wear hearing protection properly
- Caught in moving tines causing amputation or fractures

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