

GROUNDS/MOVERS
CARETAKER/EQUIPMENT OPERATOR
Ref. Code: G-C-7

REMOVING LEAVES		
Activity	Hazard Identification	Required Precautions
1. Driving to and from work site, sometimes with equipment attached to tractor.	1. Motor vehicle accident; striking pedestrians, bicyclists, and persons using rollerblades.	1. Wear prescription lenses, if required, and seatbelt. Verify that equipment is securely attached to tractor. Verify that all equipment is secured properly. Stay alert for pedestrians, bicyclists, and persons using rollerblades.
2. Using pull-behind olathe machine to remove leaves.	2a. Getting splashed with gas or oil when filling machine. 2b. Leaf dust in eyes; inhalation of leaf dust.	2a. Wear safety glasses. Fill slowly to avoid splashing. 2b. Wear safety glasses and dust mask.
	2c. Loss of hearing.	2c. Wear ear protection.
	2d. Getting splashed with hydraulic fluid.	2d. Inspect hydraulic lines for leaks and replace if necessary. Wear safety glasses.
	2e. Struck by low branches or limbs.	2e. Stay alert for low branches and limbs.
3. Emptying leaves into dump truck.	3a. Tractor rolling away. 3b. Debris falling on self; debris in eyes; inhalation of debris.	3a. Make sure brake is on before leaving tractor. 3b. Wear safety glasses and dust mask.
4. Stamping leaves down in back of truck and emptying leaves from truck at dump.	4a. Falling when getting into and out of back of truck. 4b. Debris in eyes; inhalation of debris.	4a. Climb into and out of truck carefully. 4b. Wear safety glasses and dust mask.
	4c. Stepping on glass.	4c. Wear boots with thick soles. Be aware of what you are stepping on.
5. Putting tarp onto back of truck.	5a. Falling from truck. 5b. Getting hit by bungee cords.	5a. Make sure you have solid footing. 5b. Inspect cords before use to verify there are no cracks and replace as necessary.

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6. Using toro tractor with blower attached to front.	6a. Cotter pin shooting off and striking worker.	6a. Check cotter pin before using machine to verify it is in good condition.
	6b. Injuries to pedestrians; damage to vehicles.	6b. Stay alert for pedestrians and vehicles in vicinity. Keep shooter away from people and other vehicles. Turn off machine if necessary. Check area for limbs and other debris.
7. Using backpack blower.	7a. Getting hair or clothes caught in fan of backpack.	7a. Keep long hair tied up and wear a hat. Do not wear loose clothing.
	7b. Debris in face; debris embedded in eyes.	7b. Wear safety glasses. Do not blow straight down or into corners.
	7c. Loss of hearing.	7c. Wear ear protection.
	7d. Tripping; falling.	7d. Stay alert and walk carefully. Watch for hazards in walkway.
	7e. Injuries to pedestrians.	7e. Stay alert for pedestrians and avoid blowing near them.
	7f. Clothing catching on fire.	7f. Keep clothes away from exhaust. Tuck in shirttails. Make sure both shoulder straps are on shoulders.
8. Using mulching mowers to remove leaves.	8. Debris in eyes; inhalation of debris.	8. Wear safety glasses and dust mask.