

**GROUNDS/MOVERS
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REMOVING LEAVES		
Activity	Hazard Identification	Required Precautions
1. Driving to and from work site.	1. Motor vehicle accident; striking pedestrians, bicyclists, and persons using rollerblades.	1. Wear prescription lenses, if required, and seatbelt. Verify that all equipment on vehicle is secured properly. Stay alert for pedestrians, bicyclists, and persons using rollerblades.
2. Using backpack blower.	2a. Inhalation of debris; debris in eyes. 2b. Loss of hearing.	2a. Wear safety glasses and dust mask or face shield. Do not blow into corners as this will cause debris to blow back into your face. 2b. Wear ear protection.
	2c. Tripping; falling.	2c. Stay alert and walk carefully. Watch for hazards in the walkway.
	2d. Hair or clothing getting caught in backpack.	2d. Keep long hair tied up and wear a hat. Do not wear loose clothing.
	2e. Clothing catching on fire.	2e. Keep clothing away from exhaust. Tuck in shirttails.
3. Working in area of pedestrian traffic.	3. Injuries to pedestrians.	3. Stay alert for pedestrians and avoid blowing near them.
4. Using blower attached to Toro tractor.	4a. Severe injuries; dismemberment. 4b. Debris in eyes; inhalation of debris. 4c. Loss of hearing.	4a. Keep hands away from shaft when blower is on. 4b. Wear safety goggles and dust mask. 4c. Wear ear protection.
5. Mulching leaves with Toro tractor.	5a. Striking rocks, tree roots, bottles, water main caps; struck by debris. 5b. Debris in eyes; inhalation of debris. 5c. Tractor sliding on wet leaves.	5a. Verify that shields are in place and working properly. Survey area for hazards before beginning work. Wear safety goggles. 5b. Wear safety goggles and dust mask. 5c. Do not mulch wet leaves on hills.

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	5d. Loss of hearing.	5d. Wear ear protection.
	5e. Cotter pin shooting off and striking worker.	5e. Before beginning work, check cotter pin to verify that it is in good condition.
6. Raking leaves by hand.	6a. Back/shoulder strain.	6a. Do not try to pull too many wet leaves at one time. Work at a proper pace.
	6b. Blisters.	6b. Wear gloves.
	6c. Debris in eyes.	6c. Wear safety goggles.
7. Putting leaves into back of pickup truck using pitchfork.	7a. Hitting coworker.	7a. Maintain a safe distance from coworker.
	7b. Back/shoulder strain.	7b. Do not try to lift too much at one, especially when leaves are wet. Do not overexert yourself.
	7c. Debris in eyes; inhalation of debris.	7c. Wear safety goggles. Do not pitch leaves into the wind.
	7d. Blisters.	7d. Wear gloves.
8. Stamping leaves down in back of truck and emptying leaves from truck at dump.	8a. Falling when getting into and out of back of truck.	8a. Climb into and out of truck carefully.
	8b. Debris in eyes; inhalation of debris.	8b. Wear safety glasses and dust mask.
	8c. Stepping on glass.	8c. Wear boots with thick soles. Be aware of what you are stepping on.
9. Putting tarp onto back of truck.	9a. Falling from truck.	9a. Make sure you have solid footing.
	9b. Getting hit by bungee cords.	9b. Inspect cords before use to verify there are no cracks and replace as necessary.