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PREPARING AREAS FOR SOD INSTALLATION		
Activity	Hazard Identification	Required Precautions
1. Driving to and from work site.	1. Motor vehicle accident; striking pedestrians, bicyclists, or 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. Adding gasoline to small gas-powered rototiller.	2. Splashed with gasoline; gasoline in eyes.	2. Wear safety glasses. Pour slowly to avoid splashing.
3. Loading small gas-powered rototiller onto pickup truck using aluminum ramps.	3a. Rototiller falling off ramps.	3a. Verify that ramps are set at right width for rototiller.
	3b. Splinters.	3b. Wear gloves.
	3c. Rototiller falling over and spilling gasoline; rototiller hitting rear window of truck cab.	3c. Tie rototiller securely in the back of the truck. Preferably, use trailer for hauling.
4. Unloading rototiller from truck.	4a. Rototiller falling off ramps.	4a. Verify that ramps are set at right width for rototiller.
	4b. Rototiller going down ramps too fast, striking worker or causing worker to lose control.	4b. Two people are required to remove rototiller from the truck, one to stand on the side to keep ramps straight and one to slowly push rototiller down the ramps.
	4c. Worker or pedestrian falling from ramps.	4c. Remove ramps from truck once rototiller is removed.
	4d. Splinters.	4d. Wear gloves.
5. Preparing work area using small gas-powered rototiller.	5a. Severe injuries to feet; dismemberment.	5a. Always make sure rototiller is disengaged before starting it. Wear safety shoes. Keep feet clear of blades.
	5b. Struck by rocks or other debris.	5b. Wear eye protection. Verify that shield on rototiller is in place. Survey area for hazards before beginning work.

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	5c. Struck by handles of rototiller.	5c. Rototiller will jerk up if it hits a tree root or large rock. Stay alert and work carefully. If you hit an obstacle, let go of handles. Take rototiller out of gear to turn it off.
	5d. Loss of fingers or hands.	5d. Disengage rototiller and completely shut it off before trying to clean rototiller teeth. Wear gloves and safety glasses.
6. Using front-end load to remove heavy debris.	6a. Slipping when getting on and off front-end loader.	6a. Use two hands to grip so you do not slip when getting on and off front-end loader.
	6b. Striking pedestrians, coworkers, or vehicles.	6b. Stay alert for people and vehicles and maintain a safe distance. Use extreme caution when backing up. Always use mirrors to verify area is clear when backing up.
	6c. Front-end loader tipping over.	6c. Do not overfill bucket. Do not lift bucket too high. Do not move vehicle with bucket lifted too high.
7. Using rakes to grade area.	7a. Blisters.	7a. Wear gloves.
	7b. Hit in head by rake handle.	7b. Point prongs down when rake is on the ground. Always be aware of location of rake.