

**GROUNDS/MOVERS
HORTICULTURIST
Ref. Code: G-H-2**

REMOVING LEAVES		
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. Using backpack blower.	2a. Inhalation of debris; debris in eyes.	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. Loss of hearing.	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. Splashed with gas when filling blower.	2e. Wear safety glasses. Pour slowly to avoid splashes.
	2f. Clothing catching on fire.	2f. 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. Mulching leaves with Toro tractor.	4a. Striking rocks, tree roots, bottles, water main caps; struck by debris.	4a. Verify that shields are in place and working properly. Survey area for hazards before beginning work. Wear safety goggles.
	4b. Debris in eyes; inhalation of debris.	4b. Wear safety goggles and dust mask.
	4c. Tractor sliding on wet leaves.	4c. Do not mulch wet leaves on hills.
	4d. Loss of hearing.	4d. Wear ear protection.

	4e. Cotter pin shooting off and striking worker.	4e. Before beginning work, check cotter pin to verify that it is in good condition.
5. Raking leaves by hand.	5a. Back/shoulder strain.	5a. Do not try to pull too many wet leaves at one time. Work at a proper pace.
	5b. Blisters.	5b. Wear gloves.
	5c. Debris in eyes.	5c. Wear safety goggles.
6. Putting leaves into back of pickup truck using shovel and rake.	6a. Hitting coworker.	6a. Maintain a safe distance from coworker.
	6b. Back/shoulder/rib/wrist strain.	6b. Do not try to lift too much at once, especially when leaves are wet. Do not overexert yourself. Minimize the amount of twisting you do.
	6c. Debris in eyes; inhalation of debris.	6c. Wear safety goggles. Do not pitch leaves into the wind.
	6d. Blisters.	6d. Wear gloves.
7. Stamping leaves down in back of truck and emptying leaves from truck at dump.	7a. Falling when getting into and out of back of truck; tripping over wheel well.	7a. Climb into and out of truck carefully. Stay alert for wheel well and walk carefully when in the truck bed.
	7b. Debris in eyes; inhalation of debris.	7b. Wear safety glasses and dust mask.
	7c. Stepping on glass.	7c. Wear boots with thick soles. Be aware of what you are stepping on.