

Subject: Operating the Back Pack Blower

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PROCEDURE: **Operating the Backpack Blower**

INTENDED AUDIENCE: LNR personnel with access to the Backpack blowers

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PURPOSE: To train LNR person to operate the back pack blower to successfully remove light debris from building entryways, sidewalks and doorways safely and efficiently.

- I. Knowledge** – The employee must be familiar with the Operations Equipment Manual (OEM) for the equipment being used.
- II. Safety** – At a minimum, follow the safety requirements listed in the OEM for the equipment being used. It is the employee’s responsibility to determine if added Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is needed and therefore must consult with their Supervisor prior to starting the task.

PPE includes:

- a. Gloves recommended
- b. Eye Protection
- c. Hearing Protection
- d. Long Sleeved shirt recommended
- e. Face Mask recommended

III. Operating the Backpack Blower

- a. Check fluids (mixed gas and oil) and add as needed.
- b. Prime backpack blower.
- c. Turn choke to “ON” position.
- d. Pull start cord until you hear ignition.
- e. Turn choke to the “OFF” position once ignition is engaged.
- f. Re-pull starter chord to start the blower and if blower is running properly, proceed to work area.

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Note: If at any time equipment is not working properly, attach a 3x6 tag from the LNR shop area on hand held equipment with a short explanation the problem. When repair is complete, back pack blower will be staged outside the LNR shop door for pick up.

CAUTION: Be aware of your surroundings. Check for debris, branches, rocks and people and reduce RPM if necessary.

Note: Avoid wet areas when using back pack blower to avoid turf damage.

- a. Begin blowing at one end and, in a sweeping motion, continue to the opposite end.
- b. When finished blowing operation, secure equipment for next use.