

Subject: Operating the Edger

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PROCEDURE: **Operating the Edger**

INTENDED AUDIENCE: LNR personnel with access to the edger.

PURPOSE: To train LNR person to operate the edger to produce sharp contoured borders around lawns and flower beds and to create a hard transition from turf/bed to hardscape 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
- b. Eye Protection
- c. Hearing Protection
- d. Long pants
- e. Safety shoes

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CAUTION: Make certain the edger blade is tightened down and in safe operating condition. Check for cracked, bent, warped or damaged blades

- a. Check fluids (mixed gas and oil) and add as needed.
- b. Prime edger
- 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.

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- f. Re-pull starter chord to start the edger and if edger is operating properly, proceed to work area.

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, edger will be staged outside the LNR shop door for pick up.

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

- g. Make sure edger handles and grips are free of moisture, oil, and grease.
- h. Hold edger firmly with both hands and begin edging creating a hard transition between turf/bed and hardscape.

Note: It is recommended that bystanders are 50 ft. away from operational equipment.

- i. When finished edging operation, secure equipment for next use.