

Subject: Operating the Line Trimmer

Approved: Patrick Bohlen

PROCEDURE:

Operating the Line Trimmer

INTENDED AUDIENCE: LNR personnel with access to Line Trimmer

PURPOSE: To train LNR person to operate the Line trimmer to successfully trim designated areas without damage to personnel or infrastructure.

- 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 is needed and therefore must consult with their Supervisor prior to starting the task. PPE: Long pants and Safety Shoes are recommended, Leather Gloves, Eye Protection and Hearing Protection.
- III. Trimming With Power Equipment**
 - a. Check fluids (mixed gas and oil) and add as needed.
 - b. Prime line trimmer.
 - 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 line trimmer.
 - g. Start line trimmer and if trimmer 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 the repair is complete, the line trimmer will be staged outside the LNR shop door for pick up.

- h. Operate line trimmer under good visibility and daylight conditions.

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

Note: Line trimmer is used to level out any uneven grass that a mower may have missed and around areas that an edger will not be used. **EDGER** will be used to create a hard transition from turf/bed to hardscape.

DO NOT USE LINE TRIMMER TO CREATE THIS TRANSITION

- i. Secure equipment for next use.