

Backpack Blower Safe and Responsible Operation Pledge

It is imperative that our company employees always perform their job tasks in a safe, courteous and responsible manner. Employees are properly trained on all equipment and are provided with the proper personal safety equipment. Our company is an environmentally responsible company as we make every effort to be good stewards of the landscape and the environment.

- Our company regularly reviews proper operational and safety procedures. We demonstrate our commitment to these procedures through regular training programs, tailgate meetings, and other encounters. Employees have reviewed operational procedures and been trained on the proper operation of backpack blower equipment.
- Our company uses only equipment compliant with United States Environmental Protection Agency (and the Air Resources Board in California) small spark-ignited engine emission regulations.
- Our company reviews local ordinances in our operating areas to assure equipment is operated in accordance with those ordinances.
- Employees inspect equipment before each use to insure all parts are in working order. By doing so we ensure that equipment remains compliant with applicable safety standards, noise ordinances and emission regulations.
- Employees wear appropriate work clothing, work shoes or boots, no loose-fitting clothes. Employees also wear eye and ear protection when operating equipment.
- Employees are trained to be aware of their surroundings, i.e. other people, children, pets, cars and to operate equipment appropriately.
- Employees are trained to operate blowers at their lowest possible throttle speed for the specific task. Employees are trained to use noise reducing nozzle attachments.
- Our employees make every effort to be good stewards of the landscape, the community and the environment. Thus, as newer safer and more efficient equipment becomes available, our company strives to provide our employees with the best possible, safest equipment for operation.

Company: _____



Promesa de Operación Responsable y Segura de Sopladores de Mochila

Es esencial que los empleados de empresa siempre realicen su trabajo de una manera segura, respetuosa y responsable. Los empleados están debidamente capacitados en todo el equipo y se les proporciona el equipo de seguridad personal adecuado. Empresa es una empresa ambientalmente responsable y hace todo lo posible para mejorar el medio ambiente al mantener las propiedades de nuestros clientes.

- Nuestra empresa revisa regularmente los procedimientos adecuados de operación y de seguridad. Demostramos nuestro compromiso con estos procedimientos a través de programas de entrenamiento regulares y reuniones espontaneas en los sitios de trabajo entre otros. Los empleados han revisado los procedimientos de operación y han sido entrenados en el funcionamiento adecuado del soplador de mochila.
- Nuestra empresa solamente usa los equipos que cumplen con las regulaciones establecidas por la Agencia de Protección Ambiental de los Estados Unidos y por la "Air Resources Board" del estado de California.
- Nuestra empresa revisa los códigos locales en nuestras áreas de operación y aseguramos que operamos equipo de acuerdo con esos códigos.
- Nuestros empleados inspeccionan el equipo antes de cada uso para asegurar que todas las piezas estén en buen estado. Al hacerlo, nos aseguramos de que el equipo sigue cumpliendo con las normas de seguridad, los códigos de ruido y las regulaciones de emisiones.
- Nuestros empleados usan ropa de trabajo apropiada con zapatos de trabajo o botas y no usan ropa suelta. Los empleados también usan protección para los ojos y los oídos al operar el equipo.
- Nuestros empleados son entrenados para ser conscientes de sus alrededores, es decir de otras personas, niños, mascotas, automóviles y para operar todo el equipo apropiadamente.
- Nuestros empleados están entrenados para operar los sopladores de mochila a la mínima velocidad necesaria para lograr el trabajo. Nuestros empleados están entrenados en el uso de accesorios como la boquilla reductora de ruido.
- Nuestros empleados hacen todo lo posible para mejorar el medio ambiente. Por lo tanto, a medida que haya la disponibilidad de equipos más seguros y eficientes, nuestra empresa se esforzara por ofrecerle a nuestros empleados el mejor y más seguro equipo disponible.

Empresa: _____



Tips for Backpack Blower Safe and Courteous Operation

- Require every employee to review the safe operation portion of the manufacturer's manual
- Visually inspect all equipment before use to ensure it is in safe working condition.
- Check the condition of the muffler, air intakes and air filter to make sure they are in good condition.
- Make sure starter ropes and handles are not frayed or broken and starter handle is secure.
- Check fuel level before you start the engine to avoid fueling while the engine is hot.
- Always fuel on the ground. Never fuel while smoking and never fuel inside a truck or on the truck bed.
- Make sure any fueling overspill is wiped dry before use.
- If using battery powered equipment, make sure batteries are charged and always inspect for damage.
- Be sure the switch is in the off position before connecting the battery pack.
- Adjust shoulder straps to reduce back strain.
- Always wear safety glasses and ear protection.
- Wear appropriate work clothes and work shoes or boots.
- Be aware of bystanders, both people and pets. Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Always operate blowers with firm footing.
- Survey the area you are cleaning before operating the blower. Look for hazards such as broken glass or rocks.
- Be aware of wind direction and dust.
- Use lowest possible throttle speed. This reduces noise and give the operator more control.
- Never blow leaves and debris into the street or onto neighboring property.
- Use the full lower extensions to control sound and minimize dust.
- Limit the number of blowers in use on small residential sites to reduce noise.
- Do not operate blower from a moving vehicle.
- Maintain a safe working distance from other workers on the job site at least 30 feet.
- Never leave a blower running while unattended.
- Stop the engine when inspecting, repairing or cleaning the blower.
- Be aware of local ordinances that may regulate the operation of leaf blowers or other equipment. Hours of operation may be limited.
- Always work carefully. You need to be safe, courteous and responsible.
- When finished, always secured the blower properly in the truck or trailer.

