

<b>Facility:</b>	<b>Written By:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>	<b>Date Created:</b>	<b>Date of Last Revision</b>

<b>Hazards Present:</b>	<b>PPE or Devices Required:</b>	<b>Additional Training Required:</b>
Severe cuts	Eye Protection	Operator Manual
Fuel fire	Hand Protection	
Muscle strain	Steel Toed Boots	
Discharged objects	Hard Hat	
	Pants and Long Sleeves	

1. Operate and start the trimmer outdoors in a well-ventilated area. The trimmer produces toxic exhaust fumes. Always stand so that the wind directs any exhaust fumes away from the operator.
2. Press the fuel pump bulb 8-10 times.
3. Set the choke lever to "1".
4. Place machine on the ground and hold firmly on the ground with your left hand on the trigger. Pull the starter grip slowly with your right hand until you feel it engage, then give it a brisk, strong pull. Do not pull out the starter rope all the way. Guide the grip slowly back into the housing to rewind it.
5. Set the choke to position "2".
6. Hold the trigger and pull starter trip until the engine runs.
7. Clear the area of debris including anything that can be picked up by the blades and thrown is a potential hazard to the operator and others.
8. When working close to the ground, make sure no sand, grit or stones get between the cutter blades.
9. Look for power lines, wires or cables. The trimmer is not insulated against electric shock. Do not operate tool in the vicinity of any power wires.
10. Hold gas trimmer so that the trimmer head is angled slightly into the area to be cut, keep trimmer head horizontal.
11. Use a sweeping motion from side to side.
12. Always hold the unit firmly with both hands on the handles while you are working.
  - i. Right hand use – put your right hand on rear handle and left hand on front handle
  - ii. Left hand use – put your left hand on rear handle and right hand on front handle

**REPORT ANY HAZARDOUS SITUATIONS TO YOUR SUPERVISOR**

MB Workplace Safety & Health Act & Regulations:	the task, equipment or materials change and at a minimum of every three years
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