

## SAFETY OPERATING PROCEDURES

# Gas Snow Blower

**DO NOT** use this machine unless instructed  
in its safe use and operation.



Safety glasses must be worn at all times in work areas.



Appropriate footwear, gloves and mitts must be worn.



Rings and jewellery must not be worn.



Long and loose hair must be contained.



Appropriate winter clothing must be worn.



Hearing protection must be worn when using this machine.

### PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

1. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
2. Ensure the machine is turned off and the spark plug wire is disconnected before inspecting, cleaning, adjusting or repairing the machine.
3. Ensure that guards are in place and safety devices are working properly.
4. Inspect the machine for any loose or broken parts. Repair as necessary.
5. Adjust the collector housing bar/blade for proper clearance.
6. Check the shear bolts for proper tightness.
7. Check oil and fuel levels. Fill the fuel tank before starting.



### OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

1. Disengage the clutch and shift to neutral before starting the motor.
2. Ensure the auger control and engine kill switch are working properly.
3. Operate the machine in a standing upright position.
4. Watch for hidden hazards and foreign objects.
5. Use caution around low hanging branches.
6. Walk slowly, maintain a good footing and keep a firm hold of the handles.

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#### EMPOWERING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

7. Proceed slowly in heavy snow to avoid chocking the machine or stalling the engine.
8. Turn off the machine if a person enters the work area or a foreign object appears in your path.
9. Stop the engine after striking an object, disconnect the spark plug wire and thoroughly inspect the machine for any damage.
10. Stop the engine if the machine begins to vibrate abnormally, disconnect the spark plug wire and check for the cause of the vibration.
11. If the auger or discharge chute becomes clogged then turn off the engine, disconnect the spark plug wire and use a stick or tool to pry out the clogged snow. Do not put your hand in the chute.
12. Allow the engine to cool before storing the snow blower inside.

#### REFUELING

1. Shut off the engine and allow it to cool. Refuel the machine outdoors.
2. Remove the fuel cap slowly, holding it at the semi-locked position until pressure is released.
3. Replace the fuel cap.
4. Store fuel in a sturdy, approved container.
5. Keep a portable fire extinguisher nearby when refueling.

#### POTENTIAL HAZARDS

- Chemical hazards; gas (carbon monoxide) and vapors (gasoline).
- Physical hazards; noise, thermal environment and vibration.
- Ergonomic hazards; force (pushing/pulling).
- Machine hazards; moving parts/blades/shafts/belts, flying objects, hot parts, absence of guards and pinch points.
- Energy hazards; electricity, heat (hot parts), mechanical (moving parts) and kinetic (slip & fall).
- Materials handling hazards; pushing/pulling and hazardous/flammable substance.
- Work practice hazards; following established safe work practices and procedures.

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