



PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) JOB HAZARD ASSESSMENT

Department: Facilities	Campus: All
Task: Operate an Edger-Trimmer (Gasoline-Powered)	
Job Title(s) Performing Task: Groundskeeper	

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Task Step/Sub-Tasks	Hazard(s)	Recommended PPE (Bolded)/Controls
1. Check fuel level; refill as necessary.	Burns (from static electricity or open flame that starts a fire)	No metal fuel containers.
		No smoking.
		Start engine at least 10 feet away from fuel source.
2. Check oil level, blade, loose parts, guard, etc.	Cuts (from blade while checking it)	ALWAYS make sure that the mower is "Off" before inspecting.
		Wear no-slip, heavy duty or other cut-resistant work gloves .
3. Turn ignition switch on.	None	N/A
4. Pull starter cord to start engine.	Ergonomics (back/other strain from pulling starter cord)	Do stretching and warm-up exercises before starting engine.
		Never "drop start".
		Pull recoil starter handle quickly, but steadily, straight back from edger/trimmer in one smooth motion and allow the starter cord to rewind slowly.
5. Engage edger cutting blades/trimmer filament, as necessary.	Impact (from objects thrown by edger/trimmer, particles blown into eyes)	Wear safety glasses with side shields .
		When pedestrians are approaching within close proximity of the work area, shut the edger "Off" until they pass by to prevent any debris from flying in their direction.

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4 (continued). Engage edger cutting blades/trimmer filament, as necessary.	Cuts (from moving edger blades/trimmer filament)	Wear no-slip, heavy duty or other cut-resistant work gloves .
		Wear long trousers and long-sleeve shirts .
		Wear work shoes with a safety toe .
		Turn engine off when removing obstructions or performing maintenance.
	Noise (from edger/trimmer engine)	Wear ear plugs .
Ergonomics (back or other strain from reaching too far or awkward positions)		Do stretching and warm-up exercises before starting work.
		Use easy motions; avoid over-reaching, twisting, bending and awkward positions.
Ergonomics (possible injury to hands due to vibration from engine operation)		Wear no-slip, heavy duty work gloves .
6. Complete work. Turn ignition switch off.	None foreseen	N/A
7. Check fuel level; refill as necessary.	Burns (from static electricity or open flame that starts a fire)	No metal fuel containers.
		No smoking.
		Allow engine to cool before refueling.

NOTE: Basic hazard categories include – **impact** (falling/flying objects, struck by), **falls from height**, **penetration** (sharp objects piercing foot/hand, other body parts), **compression** (roll-over or pinching), **cuts**, **burns**, **chemical exposure** (inhalation, ingestion, skin contact, eye contact or injection), **heat**, **extreme cold**, **harmful dust**, **noise**, **light (optical) radiation** (welding, brazing, cutting, furnaces, etc.), **ionizing radiation**, **non-ionizing (RF energy) radiation**, **electrical shock**, **ergonomics** (includes back strain or other strain due to lifting/stretching) and **biologic**.



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CERTIFICATION: I certify that I have personally performed the above Job Hazard Assessment on the date indicated below. *This document is a Certification of the Hazard Assessment required by 29 CFR 1910.132(d)(2).*

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Printed Name	Signature	Date