



Sod Cutting Operation

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Possible Hazards Present	Personal Protection Required	Additional Training	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vibration - Cuts, Lacerations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CSA Footwear - CSA Safety Glasses - Gloves - Hearing Protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PPE 	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Start the engine. CAUTION: to avoid injury, do not place your feet or other body parts under the blade while starting the engine. 2. Select the correct cutting depth desired up to 2 1/2". Loosen the tee handle from beneath gauge plate, located under the height adjustment bar, and put it to the correct height setting. Tighten tee handle. 3. Push the wheel drive transport handle and the cutter blade speed handle to the desired speed toward the engine. 4. Raise the main handle upward so the front nose of the sod cutter rests on the ground. 5. Loosen the 1/2" handle nut and lower the height adjustment bar to rest on the depth gauge. Then tighten the 1/2" handle nut securely so it will not loosen with the vibration of the machine. 6. Go to the back of the machine and lower the handle until the cutting blade rests on the ground. 7. Turn the throttle to the desired operating speed by pulling the finger throttle control towards you. 8. After cutting a short distance, stop machine by letting the finger throttle control go back to it's original position. Check thickness of cut and adjust if necessary. 9. At the end of each cutting pass, lift up on the handle bar to clear the cutting blade from the sod. 10. When finished cutting sod, reverse steps 6 through 3 leaving the wheel drive handle on for transportation. 			
Documentation/Legislation Workplace Safety and Health Regulation, M.R. 217/2006 6.1 Personal Protective Equipment		This Safe Work Procedure will be reviewed anytime the task, equipment or materials change and at a minimum every three years.	