

DuPage County Environmental, Safety, Health & Property Loss Control Program

Lawn Edger Safety

Purpose: Provide staff safety instructions for operating lawn edgers.

Allergic Reactions: if you have severe allergies (such as insect stings) make sure your Supervisor and co-workers know about the allergy and what to do in event you have an allergic reaction. Those with severe allergies to insect stings should consult with their physician about carrying a prescription medical kit.

Required PPE:

- Long pants
- Safety boots
- Gloves
- Hearing protection
- Safety glasses with side shields or safety sunglasses with side shields, or goggles

Recommended PPE:

- Head covering to provide sun protection
- Safety vest
- In dusty areas a disposable dust mask
- Long sleeve shirt

Operation: Read the manufacturer's operating manual. In addition:

- Fuel engine when it is cool and never smoke while fueling.
- Examine the area to be edged and remove any objects such as rocks, debris.
- Do Not start it while blade is touching ground.
- Shut off edger if people or animals come within 50 feet of your operation.
- Do Not use on graveled surfaces.
- Do Not check its blades or function without first shutting it off and disconnecting spark plug.
- Do Not leave it running while unattended.
- Do Not remove guards or shields.