

## **WARNING LAWN AERATOR**

Any piece of equipment can be dangerous if not operated properly. **YOU** are responsible for the safe operation of this equipment. The operator must carefully read and follow any warnings, safety signs and instructions provided with or located on the equipment. Do not remove, defeat, deface or render inoperable any of the safety devices or warnings on this equipment. If any safety devices or warnings have been removed, defeated, defaced or rendered inoperable, **DO NOT USE THIS EQUIPMENT!!!**

** WARNING:** Operating, servicing and maintaining this equipment can expose you to chemicals including engine exhaust, carbon monoxide and lead, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. To minimize your exposure, avoid breathing exhaust, do not idle the engine except as necessary, operate and service your equipment in a well-ventilated area and wear gloves or wash your hands frequently when servicing your equipment. For more information go to [www.P65warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65warnings.ca.gov)

**ABOUT AERATION:** For healthy growth, grass roots need air space in the soil to absorb oxygen, water, & nutrients. Air space in turf soils is reduced when soils are compacted by foot traffic, rainfall or irrigation, or during building construction or landscaping. Aeration by mechanically removing small plug (cores) of soil & thatch, greatly increase the air spaces in soil. In this manner, the aerating process promotes new root growth & improves the lawn's ability to absorb water & nutrients. The end result is a healthier, more beautiful lawn.

**Use extreme caution whenever operating, moving, loading or unloading this equipment. During and after operation the Muffler and other components are Extremely Hot and will cause Serious Burns.**

**DANGER: THIS EQUIPMENT HAS MULTIPLE PINCH POINTS THAT CAN CAUSE DISMEMBERMENT OR DEATH! KEEP HANDS, FEET AND ALL OTHER BODY PARTS CLEAR AT ALL TIMES.**

**DO NOT TAPE DOWN OR OTHERWISE BY-PASS ANY SAFETY DEVICES! ALWAYS OPERATE THIS EQUIPMENT FROM THE DESIGNATED OPERATORS POSITION.**

### **IMPORTANT SAFETY RULES TO FOLLOW**

1. For best performance & maximum tine penetration, lawn should be thoroughly watered the day before aeration.
2. Never start or run the engine inside where exhaust fumes can collect. Carbon monoxide present in the exhaust is an odorless and deadly gas.
3. Do not operate aerator without all the shields & guards in place.
4. Before operating, check area & remove any object, which may present a safety hazard or damage the aerator.
5. Do not place on hard objects or surfaces (sidewalks, drives, stepping stones, etc.) with tines down.
6. Do not place hands or feet beneath unit at any time.
7. Do not refuel aerator while running or engine is hot. Allow it to cool down first.
8. Travel up and down slopes to avoid rollover.
9. Do not release clutch handle on a slope. Will cause rollover or freewheeling, allowing unit to roll back down slope

If the person receiving this handout will not be the user of the equipment, forward these instructions to the operator. **If there is any doubt as to the operation or safety of the equipment,**

**DO NOT USE!!! CALL A TOOL SHED IMMEDIATELY!!!**

**FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH**