

## WARNING GAS POLE PRUNER

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!!!**

### **REQUIRES GAS ONLY!!!**

- WARNING! This product contains or produces one or more chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.
- 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.
- Never operate power equipment of any kind if you are tired or if you are under the influence of alcohol, drugs, medication or any substance that could affect your ability or judgment. Be alert! If you get tired while operating this equipment, take a break. Tiredness may result in loss of control.
- Provide adequate ventilation when operating this equipment. Internal combustion engines consume oxygen and give off deadly carbon monoxide gas.
- Do not tape down or otherwise by-pass any safety devices! Always operate this equipment from the designated operator's position.
- Use extreme caution: The blade is very sharp! Keep your hands, feet and all other body parts clear of the blade at all times.

**WARNING! Persons using this saw near energized overhead power lines are at risk of electrocution. Contact between the saw and overhead power lines causes serious and often fatal injuries. Operate this unit from the ground only, never from ladder.**

### **SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

Always wear eye, foot, hand and hearing protection. We recommend wearing a face shield as additional face and eye protection.

Always wear a hard hat to reduce the risk of head injuries during the operation of this unit.

Wear sturdy footwear with non-slip soles to provide good footing. Steel-toed boots are recommended. Never operate bare-footed!

Wear non-slip heavy-duty work gloves to improve your grip on the pole pruner handle. Wear snug-fitting clothes that also permit freedom of movement. NEVER wear shorts!

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

**WARNING KICKBACK MAY OCCUR** when the nose or tip of the guide bar touches an object, or when the wood closes in and pinches the saw chain in the cut. Tip contact in some cases may cause a lightning fast reverse reaction, kicking the guide bar up and back towards the operator. **Pinching** the saw chain along the top of the guide bar may push the guide bar rapidly back towards the operator. ***Either of these reactions may cause you to lose control of the pruner, which could result in serious personal injury or death.*** With the basic understanding of kickback, you can reduce or eliminate the element of surprise. Sudden surprises contribute to accidents.

**THE PRUNER IS NOT INSULATED AGAINST ELECTRICAL SHOCK!** Approaching or contacting electrical line with the pruner could cause death or serious injury. Keep the pruner at least 33 feet (10 meters) away from electrical lines or branches that contact or could contact electrical lines.

**NEVER OPERATE THE PRUNER AT AN ANGLE GREATER THAN 60 DEGREES** in order to reduce the risk of being stuck by falling objects during operation.

**KEEP A PROPER FOOTING** and do not overreach, maintain your balance at all times during operation. Do not begin cutting until you have a clear work area, secure footing, and a planned retreat path from a falling tree or branch. **Operate this unit from the ground only, never from ladder.**

**MAKE SURE THE AREA IN, WHICH YOU ARE CUTTING, IS FREE FROM OBSTRUCTIONS.** Do not let the nose of the guide bar contact a log, branch, or any other obstructions, which could be hit while you operate the pole pruner.

**KEEP BYSTANDERS AT LEAST 50 FEET (15 meters) AWAY** from the operating pruner to reduce the risk of being struck by falling objects, thrown debris or the saw chain.

### **ALWAYS OPERATE WITH BOTH HANDS FIRMLY GRIPPING THE UNIT.**

Keep a firm grip on the pole pruner with both hands whenever the engine is running. A firm grip will help reduce the effects of kickback and pinching as well as maintaining control of the unit.

Never operate power equipment of any kind if you are tired or if you are under the influence of alcohol, drugs medication or any substance that could affect your ability or judgment. Be alert - If you get tired while operating the pole pruner, take a break. Tiredness may result in loss of control.

Always make sure the cutting attachment is properly installed and firmly tightened before operation.

Always stop the engine immediately and check for damage if you strike a foreign object or if the unit becomes tangled.

Make sure there is always good ventilation when operating the pruner. Fumes from engine exhaust can cause serious injury or death. Never run the engine indoors!

Carry the pole pruner with the engine stopped the guide bar and saw chain to the rear, and the muffler away from your body.

Never transport the pruner or set it down with the engine running. An engine that is running could be accidentally accelerated causing the chain to rotate.

Before you start the engine, make sure the saw chain is not contacting anything.

Keep the saw chain sharp and properly adjusted. **Note: Do not attempt any adjustments or repairs on this unit with out first consulting A Tool Shed.**

Never allow young children or any person unfamiliar with the pruner to operate it.

If a saw blade should bind fast in a cut, shut off the engine immediately. Push the branch or tree to ease the bind and free the blade.

Never allow the engine to run at high RPM without a load. Doing so could damage the engine.

Do not operate this pole pruner with the muffler removed.

Keep all parts of your body from the chain when the engine is running.

Use extreme care when cutting small brush or saplings: slender material may catch in the saw chain and be whipped toward you or pull of your balance.

When cutting a limb that is under tension, be alert for spring back so that you will not be struck by moving limb.

Keep the handles dry, clean, and free of oil or fuel mixtures.

### **REFUELING**

**ALWAYS** inspect the unit for fuel leaks before each use. During each refill, check that no fuel leaks from around the fuel cap and/or fuel tank. If fuel leaks are evident, stop using the unit.

Use caution when handling fuels. Always shut the engine off and allow it to cool before refueling. Move at least 10 feet from the fueling point before starting the engine.

**NEVER** smoke while refueling or refuel by open flame or fires and never run the engine without the spark arrestor screen in place.

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**