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1628 Safety Guidance

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Using the Lawn Aerator

- Wear your protective equipment including ear defenders and good strong footwear
- If your machine is fitted with a core collecting rake or tray make sure it is fitted correctly.
- Always hold the aerator handle firmly with both hands while working.
- Keep your hands and feet clear of the blades at all times.
- Do not operate the aerator on concrete or other hard surfaces injury or damage may occur.
- Do not run the engine when moving over paving or hard ground, or when positioning the aerator to start work.
- Replace any damaged or broken tines to prevent overloading the machine or damaging your lawn.
- Do not tilt the aerator to expose the tines if they are still rotating the tines can throw out small stones or other hard objects.
- While working, keep a lookout for any stones or other objects in your path. Stop and clear them out of the way.
- 10. Stop the lawn aerator if someone approaches you.
- 11. Stop the engine before making any adjustments or replacing tines, or before leaving the machine unattended.
- 12. If debris or rubbish becomes tangled in the tines, stop the engine before clearing from the tines or working on the aerator.
- 13. Make sure that the machine does not become clogged with dust and debris. Stop the engine if you need to clean the aerator.
- 14. Always stop the engine before leaving the aerator unattended.
- 15. Clean the machine at the end of each day, and before you return it to the hire company.

Please keep this leaflet safely as it may be required for future reference







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Hollow Tine Lawn Aerator

The rules and procedures in force where people are at work may require the person responsible for this equipment to carry out a specific risk assessment.

It is important to read this entire leaflet **BEFORE** using the Hollow Tine Lawn Aerator

- Plan your work and think ahead to make sure you will always be working safely.
- Petrol is highly flammable. Take care not to cause a fire
- This lawn aerator is designed to remove plugs of top soil to aerate and assist drainage of lawns. Do not use it for any other purpose.
- The action of this aerator can cause injury or damage if the machine is not used in a careful and controlled way.
- The vibration from this machine may cause discomfort after prolonged use. Check the vibration label on the machine, or ask the hire company.
- Keep your hands and feet well away from the tines.
- If you have not used a petrol-driven lawn aerator before, practice on the least important area of your lawn until you are confident that you are not damaging the grass.
- You must have at least the following items of personal protective equipment: ear muffs or plugs giving protection for levels up to 100dB(A); strong boots or shoes giving good foot protection and grip; strong gloves for handling any rubbish in the grass.
- This machine must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- This lawn aerator is designed for operation by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it.

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- 3. Switch the ignition switch to OFF. 2. Close the throttie.
 - Turn the fuel tap off.

STOPPING THE ENGINE

When the engine is warm, open the

the engine warm up by gently opening the throttle before starting 8. In cold weather you may need to let again. .nonisoq

Pull the starting cord there is sumicient petroi and that the throttle lever is in the correct in the co 7. If the engine did not start, check that

rnat it recoils correctly. 6. Guide the cord back into place so 1st or the cord may break.

quickly and strongly. Don't pull it too can feel that the starter has engaged with the engine and then pull it starting cord handle slowly until you 2. With your right hand, pull out the you pull the starting cord.

hand so that it will not move when Hold the machine firmly with your left ON/OFF switch, turn it to ON.

If your aerator has an ignition .noitisoq TAATS

Check that the throttle lever is in the position.

has a choke, move it to the closed Open the fuel tap. If your machine

STARTING FROM COLD

low or if the machine is on too great a slope. Check the oil level before you try to start the engine. warning system that will prevent the engine starting if the oil level is too 3. Your engine may have a low oil

- including long grass, under the Check that there is no obstruction, instructions given below. follow them. Otherwise, follow the
- the hire company has given your serator, special instructions for your serator, procedure for most lawn Aerators. This section describes the starting

STARTING THE ENGINE

- and move your fuel can to a safe Put all fuel caps back on properly, cuange mem straignt away.
- If you spill any fuel on your clothes, wipe it up or cover it with soil
- If you spill any fuel on the ground
- Dispose of fuel soaked cloth carefully. Wipe any fuel off the machine. refueling. Do not spill any fuel on yourself or the machine.
- Use a funnel and clean petrol when the tuel tank. around it to prevent dirt falling into
- Clean the filler cap and the area gass.
- Move the machine away from your work area. Spilt petrol will kill the Stop the engine and let it cool down. .S.
 - 1. No smoking.

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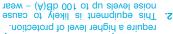
- personal protective equipment. will also need to wear appropriate Anybody who is working near to you
- handle any rubbish or debris in the You will need strong gloves to
- You must wear strong boots or shoes giving good foot protection ·wnwiwiw

hearing protection for this level as a appropriate ear muffs or plugs giving









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is not underlying rock or stone within Use a garden fork to check that there

else that may fly out or damage your machine. Wear your gloves to do of wood, lengths of wire, or anything Make sure the lawn you are about to aerate is free of large stones, pieces of wood languages or aputhing

Do not use this aerator on lawns where the grass is long. Long grass will be pulled out and could bind the times. Mow your lawn first.

at least 10 metres (33 feet) away. and from injury. Keep other people Protect other people from the noise

or could distract you. Make sure that the area is clear and safe and that no-one is near to you carefully before starting work.

Check the areas surface. pipes, drains or cables laid beneath 3. The lawn aerator may damage

unless you have good ventilation. uor run or test the engine indoors injury from breathing toxic fumes, do To reduce the risk of serious or fatal cylinders.

ignite tumes from petrol, or gas there is a danger of explosion. It will Do not use this lawn aerator where

WORK AREA

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