

EMPLOYEE TRAINING RECORD

TRAINING TITLE Landscape for Mowing Safety

KEY TEACHING POINTS

- As you put in new plants, use any extra soil to fill in depressions and low spots. Leveling the terrain can help you prevent turning an ankle. It also provides a smoother surface for riders and tractors.
- Landscape with safety in mind. Remember that small saplings grow into large trees; be sure to leave enough space for your mower to get around a tree when it is full grown.
- Remove a circle of grass around the base of trees (the radius should be one to three feet, depending on the size of the tree). Fill the circle with a soft mulch, like shredded tree bark. This helps protect the tree from the mower and the mower from the tree. It also makes trimming faster and easier.
- Remove low hanging tree branches that can flick an eye or knock you off balance while mowing. In addition to giving you a clear view, pruning allows sunlight to reach the grass growing near the tree.
- Try to mow in a forward direction as much as possible. One way to do that is to mow in a circular pattern and save corners for last. If you must back up, move slowly and look behind you at all times.
- Take a careful look at hillsides. If a slope seems too steep to mow securely, plant a decorative ground cover instead of grass.
- Stay clear of embankments or drop-offs where a machine could slip or tip over on its side.

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QUESTION	ANSWERS	
	TRUE	FALSE
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