WARNING REGULAR GAS WEED EATER

Any piece of equipment can be dangerous if not operated properly. <u>YOU</u> 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, <u>DO NOT USE THIS EQUIPMENT!!!</u>

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

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With all mowers, mower attachments and other rotary cutting devices, there is a chance of objects being shot out at high speeds. These objects could cause serious injury or death to the operator or bystanders. Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used. Clear it of objects such as rocks, toys, wire, bones, sticks, etcetera. Always wear safety goggles and other protective clothing.

Keep children, animals, and others at least 50 feet away at all times.

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 and feet clear of the blade at all times.

IMPORTANT SAFETY RULES TO FOLLOW

- 1. Wear a long-sleeved shirt/jacket and long pants.
- 2. Use extra caution when operating on a slope.
- 3. Wear eye protection and non-skid boots or shoes.
- 4. Do not smoke when operating trimmer.
- 5. When refueling, always shut off the engine.
- 6. When starting engine, start in a safe place, away from fuel and other persons.
- 7. Do not place flammable material close to the muffler.
- 8. Do not run without spark arrestor screen in place.
- 9. Make sure no one is within 50ft during operation.
- 10. When removing grass or brush wound at the blade area, always stop engine, & wait for the blade rotation to stop.
- 11. Never run engine when transporting machine.
- 12. Do not use near fences or sides of buildings. The blade can ricochet back resulting in serious injury to yourself.

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