

 <b>DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY</b>	<i>Policy Sponsor:</i> Assistant Vice President Facilities Management	<i>Approval Date:</i> August 2010
	<i>Responsible Unit:</i> Facilities Management	<i>Revisions:</i>
<b>Facilities Management  Little Wonder Billy Goat Blower  Safe Work Instructions</b>		
<b>Service:</b> Environmental Services	<b>Shop:</b> Grounds and Horticulture	
<b>Hazards Identified:</b> Uneven terrain, dust		
<b>Personal Protective Equipment Required:</b> Safety boots, hard hat, safety goggles or safety glasses, hearing protection, long trousers, safety gloves, sunscreen		
<b>Training Required:</b> Before using this type of equipment employees must be trained by a competent person in its proper use and care. The operator’s manual, tool safety markings and instructions for manufacturer approved attachments must be understood and followed by the operator at all times and reviewed regularly.  Employees must be trained in the proper use and maintenance of all required PPE before operating this equipment.		

These safe work practices must be reviewed regularly and followed at all times while using this equipment.

1. Check all fluid levels, lubrication, parts requiring grease.
2. Use only manufacturer approved attachments and parts.
3. Check the blower for damage or malfunctioning parts before each use.
4. Do not use the blower unless all guards and deflectors are securely in place.
5. Only use a qualified competent person to perform repairs or maintenance on this equipment.

6. Ensure that all labels are clean and legible.
7. Replace any missing or damaged labels.
8. Do not wear loose fitting clothing or jewelry when operating this equipment.
9. Ensure that non-employees are kept well clear of the work area.
10. Stop the blower immediately if someone enters your work area.
11. Always maintain a safe distance between operators of two or more blowers.
12. Never over reach with blower.
13. Ensure that you have good footing and balance of in all areas especially on slopes and uneven terrain.
14. Do not operate this equipment if you are tired, under the influence of alcohol, illegal or certain prescribed drugs or are in anyway unable to remain alert at all times.
15. Keep your hands on the blower's handle at all times when blower is being operated.
16. Keep hands away from intake or discharge ports at all times when blower is operating.
17. Do not point the blower at people, cars, windows, buildings or any other items that may be damaged by flying debris.
18. Always follow the manufacturer's recommendations for proper storage.
19. Always keep the throttle in the "STOP" position when the equipment is not in use or if you are doing repairs.
20. Disconnect the spark plug when working on the blower.
21. Keep the engine recoil starter assembly, the blower intake and outlet areas clear and free of debris
22. Always follow the safe work practices for the Fueling of Small Gas Powered Engines.