

Church Mowing Guidelines

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Average time to mow everything is 1 hour

The only two mowers we use are a self propelled push mower, for around the church, and the John Deere rider mower.

Both mowers & edger use straight unleaded fuel. If you need to purchase fuel do NOT purchase unleaded with ethanol. Purchase the NON Ethanol gas only.

The gas containers should be marked. If they are empty fill them up and turn a receipt into the office



and you will be reimbursed or call Russ Davis and let him know. If you have to mix fuel for the blower or edger the mixture is 50:1 or 2.65 oz of oil to one gallon of gas. Oil can be found on the shelves on the right side of the garage.

Craftsman Mower – Lift the bar at the top of the handle to the handle and pull the rope. It automatically chokes itself. Usually a couple of pulls on the rope will do the trick!. Once started, pull the other 2 levers towards yourself to activate the self-propelled feature and you are ready to go.

Security



Because of theft issues we now keep the mowers, snow blowers and edger cabled together and padlocked at all times. The cable weaves in and out of each handle. The blower and weed eater are kept in the cabinet on the left side of the garage and the cabinet is also padlocked. Both padlocks are opened with the same key. Contact Russ Davis, Brad Morris or the church office for the location of the key and the code to get into the garage.

Please keep the garage door closed at ANY TIME you are not at the garage.

Trimming and Edging



The edger and blower are kept in the cupboard just inside the left side of the garage and are locked up. The key to the cupboard is the same key to unlock the mowers.

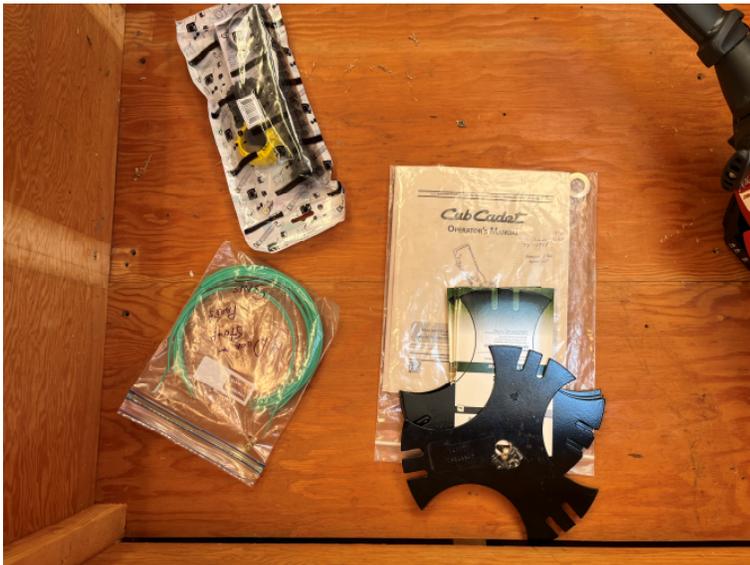
We want them to stay there so they are out of sight by passer byers. When you are finished mowing and it needs trimming go ahead and also blow walks off when finished.

If you see a need to trim any bushes or flower beds please contact the church office first. We have a gardening team that takes care of that)

The Weed Eater is NOT to be used to trim the sidewalks. We have a gas powered push edger for that. (See Picture)

The weed eater line can be found on a hook inside the cupboard along with the edger blades. The line is in about 14inch sections. They push out of the 4 holders on the head and the new ones just push back into the holes. Very

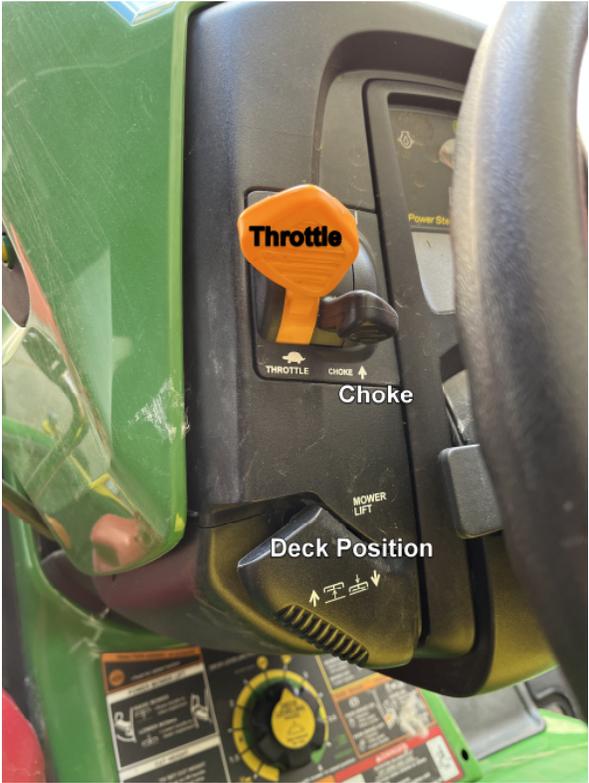
simple. If you run out of line, let Brad know.



Before applying any fertilizer or weed killer to the church lawn please contact the church office or Russ Davis.



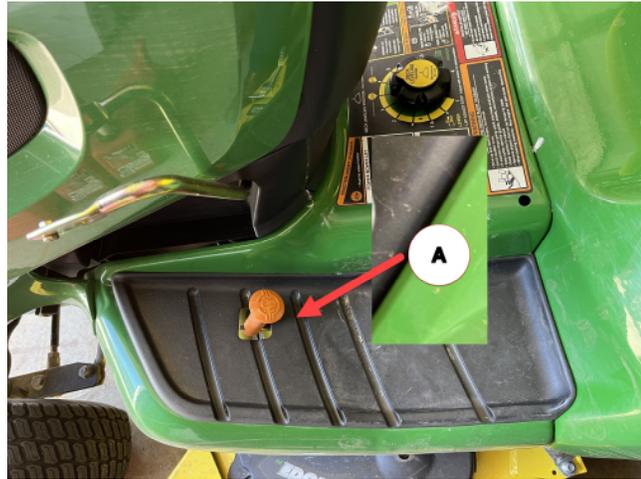
Pic A



PIC B



Pic 3



Pic 4

1. Before turning on the key, Press in on the brake as far as you can (PIC A). Lift the CHOKE lever (spring loaded) and turn key clear over to the right until motor starts. If the motor does not turn over you are probably not pressing the brake far enough!
2. To go forward or Reverse, press on the left or right pedals (Pic 1)
3. To Start and stop the blades pull and push this lever A (Pic 3). NOTE: when you put it in REVERSE it will automatically disengage the blades and you will have to restart the blades OR lift lever A while backing up.
4. Deck Position Lever (Pic B) will lift and lower the deck to the preset position with blades on or off.
5. To engage or disengage the blades pull or push lever A (Pic 3)
6. Brake is Lever C (Pic 3)
7. If you get off the seat the tractor will shut off.

MOWING AREA

Areas to mow:

- All grass around the church building (green area on the mowing chart)
- All grass across Minnesota and across Williston and around the parking lot. (See Mowing Chart – The yellow area)

If you have any problems with the mowers or discover something might be wrong and needs to be looked at please let the Church Office or Russ Davis know of it.

If you find any problems with the areas to be mowed let us know.

- All grass around the church (green) should be done with the self-propelled push mower.
- All areas across Williston and Minnesota should be done with the rider mower. (See operator instructions to start and operate the rider.)

