Lawn Safety for the Summer

- Walk the lawn and pick up items out of the yard. Look for toys, sticks, branches, rocks and trash.
- Always wear proper clothing.
- Wear sturdy shoes such as work boots or hiking boots. Do not wear athletic shoes, sandals or flip-flops. Wear long pants not shorts.
- Wear ear plugs, eye protection and sunscreen.
- Before mowing check the engine, oil and fuel. Always allow the engine to cool before refueling. Gas spilt on a hot engine or muffler could result in a fire.
- Keep kids and pets away from the mower and inside during mowing. If you missed finding a rock before mowing the rock can be launched and hit the child or pet, severely injuring them. A rock can travel several hundred feet.
- If using a riding lawn mower, never allow anyone to ride with you. The driver is the only one who should be on the mower.
- When using a walk-behind or push mower always push the mower away from your body. Never pull it toward you.
- Always shut the engine completely off before clearing a clogged grass in the bagger or deflector.
- Never ever reach toward a moving blade!! The blade can cut you 32 times in 3/4 of a second.
- Always shut off the mower when emptying the grass bag attachment. Use a mower that when you release the handle the mower automatically shuts off.
- Remember the muffler will be hot! Never touch the hot muffler.
- Disengage the spark plug anytime you are working on the lawnmower.
- Only mow dry grass. Let the morning dew or rain dry before mowing. Wet grass will be slippery. Wet grass will also clog the mower more often.

Think Safe! Act Safe!