



Hazards	cold, snow, ice, slipping
Tools/Equipment	
Employee Group(s)	Facilities Management – Grounds & Transportation

Required PPE:



Safety Shoes



Ear
Protection



Eye
Protection

SAFE WORK PRACTICES

- Do not perform the procedure or operate the equipment until you have been appropriately trained and authorized to do so by your supervisor.
- Inspect required personal protective equipment (PPE) and replace if required.
- Do not wear loose-fitting clothing, dangling jewelry, etc.
- Inspect snow blower: –
 - ✓ Guards are secure
 - ✓ Auger housing and discharge chute are clear
- Plan your route, check for holes, stones, doormats, newspapers, debris, excessive slope.
- Use only approved GFCI receptacles and extension cords properly rated for your machine.
- Review the safety labels.
- Ensure people and pets remain at a safe distance.
- Start a gas /diesel engine model outside.
- Pace yourself. Exertion in the cold increases risk of heart attack.
- Do not operate on steep slopes.
- Do not clear snow across the face of slopes to avoid tipping.
- Do not direct discharge toward people, vehicles or windows.
- Before unclogging the discharge chute:-
 - ✓ turn engine off
 - ✓ wait for blades to stop
 - ✓ remove key
 - ✓ remove spark plug cap.
- Use a stick or tool to clear any blockages. **Never use your hand!** Stored energy may cause blades to rotate.
- Make sure the fuel valve lever is turned to the OFF position.
- Maintain snow blower and clean as directed.
- Fuel only when snow blower is cool, away from other sources of ignition and outdoors.
- Report any problems with equipment or PPE to your supervisor.

PROCEDURE

1. Follow Safe Work Practice

NOTE: All PPE, tools and equipment shall be used in accordance with provincial OH&S legislation, manufacturer's specifications, applicable standards and codes of practice.