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## Safety Information Sheet

### Dethatcher/ Power Rake

**WARNING! DO NOT** operate on hills exceeding 35% grade. It is recommended that hills be power raked across the slope, not up and down the slope.

**WARNING! DO NOT** place hands or feet near moving or rotating parts.

**WARNING!** Inspect lawn and remove objects that might present a hazard before starting.

#### BEFORE YOU START:

Mow the lawn to its normal cut height.

Allow lawn to dry. Wet conditions may cause increased damage to healthy grass.

Set rake depth so that blades just touch on a flat surface like a sidewalk or driveway.

Lawns with deep thatch may be best dethatched in two treatments (spring & fall) to avoid major shock.

#### STARTING:

To engage clutch in heavy thatch, bear down on the handle to slightly raise front wheels. Engage the clutch and slowly lower the unit into the turf.

Do a small test area at a slow walking pace.

If the engine RPM drops excessively, the depth setting is too low.

If the unit pulls forward and bounces roughly, the depth setting is too low.

#### FINISHING:

Shut off engine and allow to cool for 2 minutes.

Close folding handle if unit is furnished with one.

It is recommended that two people lift machine.

Secure in place during transport.

Remove all extracted thatch from the grass and compost/dispose of properly.

#### BAGGER INFORMATION

- Thatch is thrown into the catcher by the impact of the flail blades swinging through the grass. The blades should not hit the ground. If the blades hit the ground, they will bounce causing ineffective dethatching.
- Best performance will be achieved in lawns that are cut short and free of moisture. Wet lawns will hamper bagging effectiveness.
- Long grass may result in tearing or ripping of the lawn.
- A heavy buildup of thatch may have taken years to accumulate—it may take 2 or 3 sessions to remove it.