

# YOUR YARD

## An Inside Look At Outdoor Gear

(NAPSA)—Before firing up your outdoor equipment, read the operator's manual again and consider these tips:

### SPRING TUNE-UP

- Before using the trimmer for the first time this spring, check the spark plug; replace it annually.
- Clean the air filter if necessary and replace annually.
- Check to ensure that all devices are attached and working.
- Check that straps, handles, nuts and bolts are secure.

### SAFETY FIRST

• Always remove stones, sticks and other objects from the area before you begin mowing or trimming, so objects don't fly up and hit you.

• Dress properly for the job, wearing boots, gloves, long pants and close-fitting clothes. Wear safety glasses or goggles, and hearing protection.

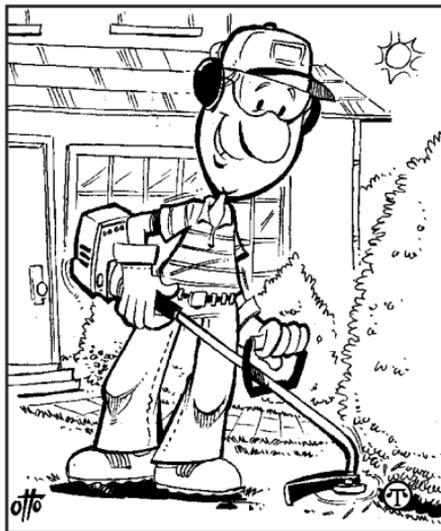
• Read the operator's manual to find out where controls are and what they do, and for additional safety instructions.

• Know how to stop the machine quickly.

• Never remove or disable guards or other safety devices.

• Fill a gasoline tank only while the engine is cold.

• If the unit vibrates abnormally after striking a foreign object, stop the engine, disconnect and secure spark plug wire. Inspect the unit for any damage and repair the damage before further operation.



**Homelite recommends making sure your yard equipment is in proper working order and that you know how to work with it.**

• Hold handles firmly with both hands to prevent loss of control due to blade bounce upon contact with hidden solid objects.

### SAVE YOURSELF TIME AND MONEY

If you have a split boom trimmer, you may be glad to know you can get a line of attachments that will turn it into an edger, blower, tiller, pruner or string trimmer. The new Expand-it™ attachment line extends the usefulness of your trimmer.

You can learn more about yard work equipment and how to expand and handle it online at <http://www.homelite.com/>.