**Task:** OPERATING A GASOLINE POWERED LEAF BLOWER

**Modification to Daily Attire Requirements:** Long Pants or Equivalent such as appropriate Tyvek (designed to protect against specific chemical exposure) or Coveralls or Equivalent Protection

**Required PPE:**

1. Safety glasses or faceshield
2. Gloves
3. Ear plugs / earmuff
4. N95 Dust mask
5. Safety Shoes or boots (steel or composite toe)

**Required Training:**
- Read, understand, and follow manufacturer’s safety instructions
- Training with a competent person
- Lockout / Tagout (LOTO) Training
- Hazard Communication (Haz-Com)

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<td>Fire / Explosion</td>
<td>• Never fuel equipment indoors; keep fuel away from open flame or sparks • Clean up fuel spills immediately; do not start engine until fumes have dispersed • Dispose of spilled fuel per HazCom training: contain, label for disposal, and contact EHS</td>
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<td>• Pull cord straight back; provide for clearance of arm and elbow • Use short, sweeping motions, avoid twisting and bending repetitively • Use safe lifting training- back injury prevention training</td>
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<td>Eye or Other injury to Self and/or Others</td>
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| Operating Blower | Insect bites | - Wear long pants *or* equivalent protection, band at ankle if needed  
| | | - Be aware of potential for yellow jacket ground nests  
| | | - Be aware of surroundings; spiders and other biting or stinging insects may be present  
| Storage of Blower | Fire | - Do not place hot equipment on or near combustible materials or flammable liquids  
| | | - Allow engine to cool before storing –avoid contact with combustibles  
| | | - Store so fluids do not leak out of equipment  
| Procedure for malfunctioning or broken equipment | Bodily Injury | - Obtain Accident Prevention Tag- mark equipment “Do Not Use” – specify problem or hazard  
| | | - Whenever possible isolate power source so equipment cannot be used. (Lock Out- Tag Out)  
| | | - Notify shop and/or take equipment to shop  