

Outside Electrical Appliance Safety

Outside electrical appliances may be used for cutting the lawn, trimming bushes and flowers and cutting tree limbs. Appliances that are used for yard work should be labeled for outdoor use. Here are some safety tips when working with electrical appliances outside of the home:

- Unplug electrical tools and disconnect spark plug wires on gasoline-powered tools before making adjustments or clearing jams near moving parts.
- To prevent use by children, be sure power tools are turned off and made inoperable if they must be left unattended.
- Handle gas carefully. Never fill gasoline tanks while machinery is on or when equipment is still hot. Wipe up spills. Store gas in an approved container away from the house. Finally, never smoke or use any type of flame around gasoline or gasoline-powered equipment.
- Never work with electrical power tools in wet or damp conditions.
- Be sure that extension cords are in good condition, are rated for outdoor use, and are the proper gauge for the electrical current capacity of the tool.
- Inspect mowers periodically for potential hazards.