

EQUIPMENT USER INSTRUCTIONS

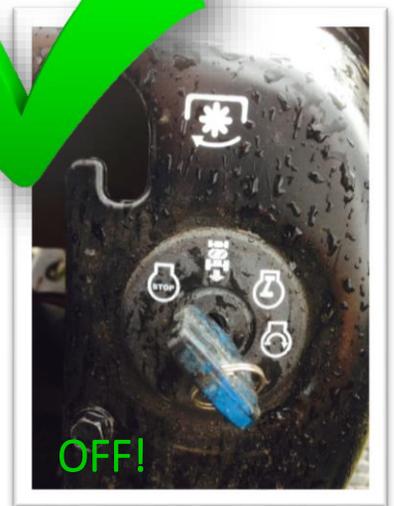
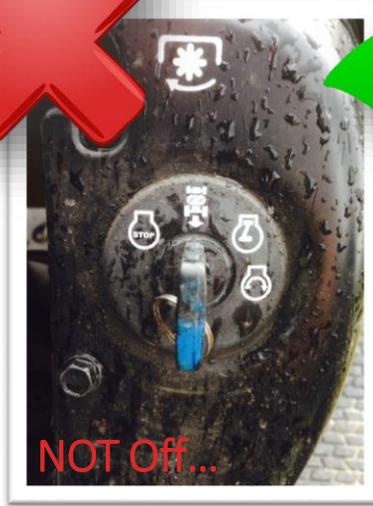


This is a simple user's guide as to how AMBA expects their coaches/volunteers to operate and use their equipment. There are too many times that our equipment is misused or not cared for properly. The equipment that AMBA owns is a cost for the association and we expect our users to treat the equipment with care and respect. Please take time to review these instructions to help make it easier for everyone involved.

Starting the Ride on Mower

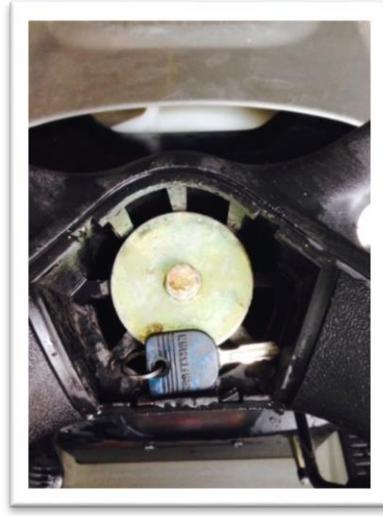
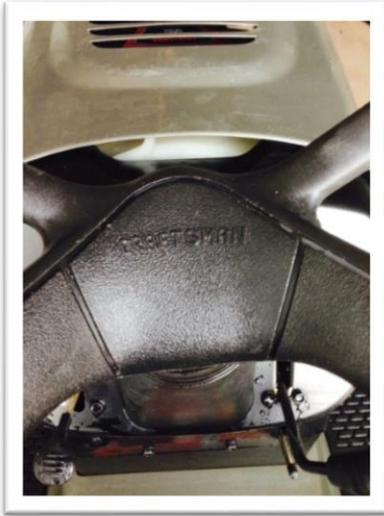
If you need instructions for starting this mower, you really shouldn't be using it.

How to turn off the Tractor...properly



Too often the tractor is not turned off properly resulting in a battery that becomes flat. AMBA has replaced too many batteries over the years and it has become very costly.

Storing the key...



Simply lift the center panel of the steering wheel and store the key inside. By doing this it ensures the key is not left in the ignition and there is NO chance of running the battery flat.

Be sure that if you are using the headlights, TURN THEM OFF before leaving for the night.



Use of the Mower

The ride on mower SHOULD NOT BE USED to cut the infield areas. The infield areas are to be cut with the push mower. If you want to cut a few strips in the outfield with the ride on mower, DO NOT set it lower than the number 3 setting.

Cleaning the Mower

Be sure to wash the mower down on a regular basis. The washdown equipment (hose, nozzle and water key) can be found in the Seacan.



1. **STARTING THE MOWER** - There is a self releasing choke on this mower however it does tend to stick a bit. If you are using the choke, you'll need to help it back to it's original position manually once its done its job.
2. The mower should **NEVER** be set at lower than the second wheel position for cutting the grass. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** We do not need "burnt" infields.
3. Grass clippings can be placed in the wheelbarrow and wheeled down between the Mosquito and the Peewee fields to the far South end of the park where the asphalt trail ends. The clippings can be dumped **OVER THE BURM** and not in plain site.
4. When you are finished using the mower, be sure to refill the tank - gas is provided in the Seacan in the gerry cans on the shelf. **NO** oil needs to be added to the gas for either lawn mower.
5. When you are finished using the mower, be sure to wash it down as well as the catch bag with the hose and water key that are provided in the Seacan. See the next page for instructions on where to find the washdown equipment and be sure to wash **ALL** equipment.



As a footnote, always remember when cutting to watch for "tarp spikes" that have been left in the grass. Lawn mowers don't like spikes and neither will your shins...





Cleaning Up...

This whole process may add another 10 minutes to your day. Be sure that you take care of AMBA's equipment. Remember to leave the equipment in better condition than you found it.



Water Key

AMBA only owns one of these keys. Please make sure this key is returned to its storage place after EVERY USE. You can find the key on the second shelf, directly in front of where the tractor parks in the Seacan. It is to be placed on the screw on the shelf.



Using the Water Key

There are two water spickets on the Rotary Fieldhouse. One can be found by the Seacan and the other on the northeast side of the building by the concession. The washdown area is by the Seacan over top of the drain. Insert and turn the key to turn the water on or off. It does take a number of turns to get it to work.



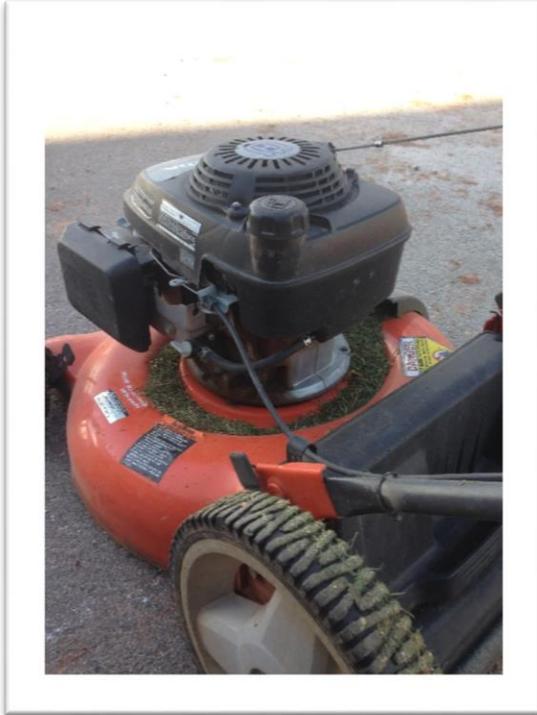
What to Wash?

All of AMBA's field equipment can and should be washed regularly. This includes mowers (be sure to spray the undercarriage), brooms, wheelbarrow, shovels, rakes, nail drag, field drags, etc.

What we DO NOT want to see...

Please keep in mind that ALL of the equipment that you see at the park belongs to AMBA.
The more we take care of it, the longer it lasts.

It is quite often that we find the push mower and riding mower put away without it being cleaned properly. The pictures below are completely UNACCEPTABLE. Failure to clean the equipment will result in not being able to use it any longer.



Grass that is not removed...

leads to the mower deck rotting
and it also leaves a terrible odor in
the SeaCan for the next person.

Everything has a Place...

Everything in the little green storage boxes and the Seacan has its place. Be sure that you do not just throw things in a corner or on the shelf. NOTE: If you see a piece of broken equipment, don't let it go unnoticed or unreported – TELL SOMEONE. The only way AMBA can repair equipment is if we know that it is damaged or broken.



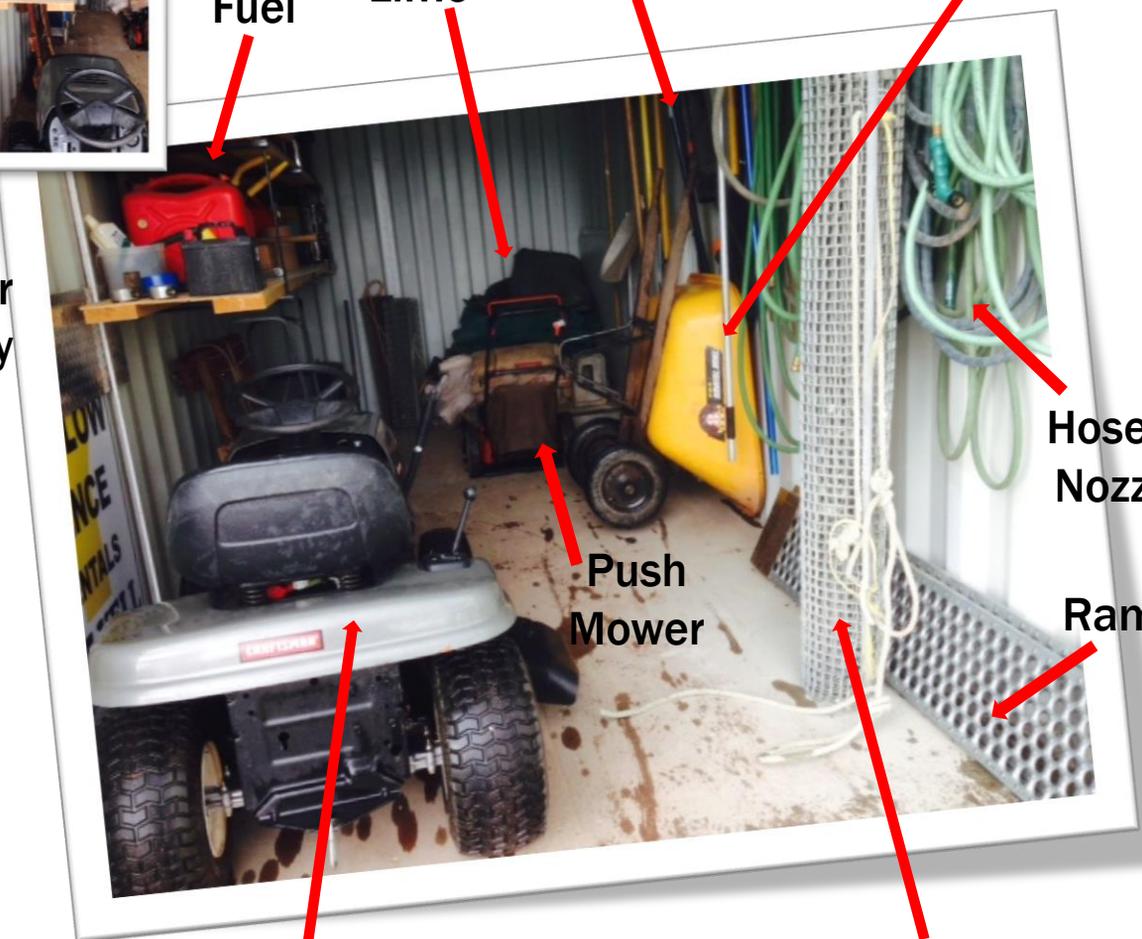
Water Key

Fuel

Extra Tarps/
Lime

Shovels/
Spare
Rakes/
Brooms

Wheelbarrow



Hose &
Nozzle

Push
Mower

Ramps

Ride On
Mower

Field Drag

Be Proud of our Facilities...

The Aldergrove Minor Baseball Association boasts some of the nicest, most pristine complexes in the lower mainland, if not in all of British Columbia. Be proud of what we have at our finger tips and take pride in maintaining them. If you have any suggestions as to how we can beautify our park even more, be sure to bring them forward. Email or call someone on AMBA's executive.

There is nothing worse than someone that loves to complain, but brings NO SOLUTION...be a part of the solution.

