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## **Tips to Get Your Lawn Mower Ready for Winter Storage from the Experts at Lawn-Boy**

*A few simple steps now will help ensure a reliable mower next spring*

**MINNEAPOLIS** – Winter is fast approaching and soon you will be retiring your lawn mower to storage. Performing a few basic lawn mower winterization tasks now will pay off next spring and help to extend the life of your mower. Here are a few tips from the experts at Lawn-Boy to help prepare your lawn mower for winter storage.

### **Remove all fuel from the gas tank with a siphon pump.**

Unused fuel left in the gas tank can literally shellac the inside of your carburetor, necessitating a tune-up next spring. Siphon out as much fuel from the tank as possible. When finished, start the engine and let it run until all of the fuel is used. If the gasoline can't be easily removed from the tank, add a fuel stabilizer. This will prevent deposits from forming in the carburetor.

### **Drain and refill the oil.**

While the engine is warm, drain and refill with fresh oil. Be sure to use the oil that's recommended for your lawn mower. Properly dispose of the used oil by taking it to your municipal hazardous material recycling location. If you own a two-cycle lawn mower, this step is not necessary.

### **Lubricate the engine and check the air filter.**

Remove the spark plug and put a spoonful of oil through the port. Replace the spark plug and pull the start cord several times to distribute the oil throughout the engine. Clean the air filter and replace if necessary.

**Clean the mower.**

Clean the mower thoroughly before storing. Scrape off any dirt and grass clippings from the underside of the mower. Rinse off the lawn mower and wipe dry any moisture.

**Sharpen or replace the blade.**

Now is the perfect time to have your mower's blade professionally sharpened. It is important to have your blade sharpened once a year because a dull blade can actually harm the grass.

**Storing your mower.**

Store your mower in a cool, dry place. If you are planning to cover your mower, be sure to use a cloth material because plastic will trap moisture.

These simple tips will help to ensure a healthy lawn next spring.

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