



Lawn Mower Maintenance Checklist

COMPLETE EVERY 100 HOURS OR AT LEAST ONCE PER YEAR

- CHANGE ENGINE OIL**
Consult owner's manual to learn how to change the oil. Make sure to use oil with a zinc additive to extend the life of the engine. Drain the old oil, change filter if applicable, then replace it with new oil.
- CHANGE OR CLEAN THE AIR FILTER**
If mower has replaceable filter, clean filter until clear of debris and dirt. If mower uses disposable filters, remove old filter and replace with a new one. Your mower may have a pre-filter as well. Make sure to either change or clean both air filters during your annual maintenance.
- CHANGE FUEL FILTER & FLUSH FUEL SYSTEM**
Flush the fuel system and change the fuel filter annually.
- CHECK & REPLACE ANY WORN BELTS**
Inspect the belts on your lawn mower. If any of them look worn or broken, replace the belts before operating your lawn mower.
- GREASE ALL ZERK FITTINGS**
While greasing all of the zerk fittings, make sure to also grease the blade spindles if they are greaseable.
- SHARPEN & BALANCE BLADES**
If your blades seem dull, sharpen them or take the blades to a service professional. As you're inspecting the mower's blades, also check for bent or worn blades and replace the blades as needed.
- CHECK THE TIRE PRESSURE ON EACH TIRE**
Check the sides of your lawn mower's tires for proper pressure amounts. If you can't find a pressure level indicated on your tires, follow the standard guidelines of 10 to 12 PSI for rear tires and 12 to 14 PSI for the front tires.
- CHECK CHARGING SYSTEM & LOAD TEST BATTERIES**
If your lawn mower will be sitting idle during the winter months, you should make sure your charging system is ready when the season begins. If mower will be stored for several months, disconnect the ground cable. You can take a battery into a local parts store or service station to get it load tested to determine battery condition.
- CHANGE TRANSMISSION OIL & FILTER EVERY 200 HOURS**
This biannual maintenance task is important in keeping your lawn mower running at peak performance.
- CHECK THE DECK FOR LEVEL**
If you notice the deck is unbalanced, adjust it as needed until it is level.
- DRAIN THE GAS TANK**
If you are conducting your annual lawn mower maintenance at the end of the mowing season, be sure to empty the gas tank before storing your lawn mower. Either run the mower until the tank is out of gas or empty the tank manually.
- CLEAN THE MOWER**
Remove all the stuck-on grass and other debris from the undercarriage. Then, wash the mower's body to remove dust and debris before storing the mower for the season.