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HOW TO STRING TRIM LIKE A PRO

What items you will need...

- ❑ Operator's Manual
- ❑ Safety Glasses
- ❑ String Trimmer
- ❑ Appropriate Clothing (sturdy shoes, long pants, & work gloves)

Important information...

Always:

- Refer to the operator's manual to make sure you are operating your trimmer correctly and safely.
- Wear appropriate clothing - long pants and sturdy shoes (never sandals or open-toed shoes).
- Wear safety glasses and work gloves.
- Keep your clothing and body away from the spinning trimmer head – it is dangerous and can cause serious injury if you are not careful.
- Never start any outdoor power equipment in a garage, shed or other building.
- Only add fuel when the trimmer is turned off and has cooled down for at least two minutes, and only do this outdoors.
- Only trim when you have enough daylight to see what you are doing.

Things to consider...

A string trimmer is a must-have tool when it comes to lawn care. It uses a flexible line at the end of a shaft to cut grass, weeds and even light brush depending upon your trimmer's size. Always respect the power of the trimmer and the spinning line – use it safely to avoid injury.

Steps...

1 Clear the Area

Remove any objects or debris from the trimming area. Make sure children and pets are inside the house.

2 Use the Right Fuel

Most string trimmers have two-cycle engines which require a mixture of gasoline and oil. Four-cycle trimmers use only gasoline. Refer to your operator's manual to be sure you are using the right fuel.



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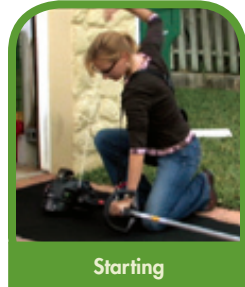


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Steps (con't.)

3 Starting your Trimmer

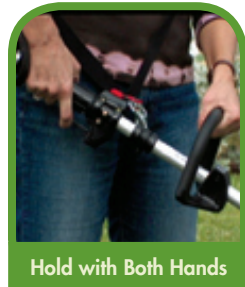
To start your string trimmer, place it on a flat surface such as your driveway. Refer to the operator's manual for specific instructions regarding your trimmer. In general, you will need to open the choke by turning the small lever to the "full" position and pressing the primer bulb six-to-eight times to provide the right mixture of fuel and air for combustion. Squeeze the throttle trigger and hold it as you pull the starter cord to start the engine. Allow the engine to run at the full choke position for a few seconds, then slowly move the lever back to a half-choke position for about 20 more seconds. You can then move the lever to the "off" position and you are ready to trim.



Starting

4 Holding the Trimmer

Hold the trimmer so that it is comfortably balanced in both hands, with the cutting head parallel to the ground and about two-to-three inches above it. When you trim, sweep the trimmer from side to side in front of you in a rhythmic motion. Don't hold the trimmer at an angle that causes the string to scalp the grass - cutting too close damages the grass and will expose bare soil, encouraging weeds to germinate and grow.



Hold with Both Hands

5 Trimming Around Trees

Be careful when trimming around trees. Your trees should have a protective ring of mulch around their trunks so that the trimmer string won't come in contact with the trunk. Repeatedly cutting the bark can damage even a mature tree. Never string trim around young trees if there is any chance at all the string will contact the trunk.



Trimming Around Small Trees

6 Edging a Sidewalk/Driveway

To edge along a sidewalk or driveway with a string trimmer, hold the trimmer so that the cutting head is perpendicular to the area you want to cut.



Edging

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Steps (con't.)

7 Trimming Tall Grass

To trim very tall grass, start from the top by taking off a few inches at a time, working your way down, gradually. If your tall grass gets lodged in the trimmer head, turn off the trimmer. Wait until the trimmer head has completely stopped spinning, then disconnect the spark plug. Wear gloves when you carefully remove the trapped material.



Trimming Tall Grass

8 Replacing Your Trimmer Line

When trimming, the more solid objects you hit with the trimmer line (fence posts, rocks, etc.), the more line you will use up. Remember, the tip of the trimmer line is all that must make contact with the grass or weeds to get the job done. When the trimmer line runs out, you will have to open the trimmer head to add more nylon line. Refer to the operator's manual to do this safely and correctly. Some trimmers come with trimmer line that you simply snap into place - this works great for smaller yards.



Trimmer Head

A string trimmer is a great tool to help you make your yard look its best. Just remember to respect the power of that spinning nylon string, and use your trimmer safely.