

**GROUNDS/MOVERS
GROUNDSKEEPER
Ref. Code: G-G-1**

CLEANING CATCH BASINS AND WINDOW WELLS		
Activity	Hazard Identification	Required Precautions
1. Driving to and from work site.	1. Motor vehicle accident; striking pedestrians, bicyclists, and persons using rollerblades.	1. Wear prescription lenses, if required, and seatbelt. Verify that all equipment on vehicle is secured properly. Stay alert for pedestrians, bicyclists, and persons using rollerblades.
2. Using rakes, flat shovels, post-hole diggers, brooms, and dustpans.	2a. Dust in eyes.	2a. Wear safety glasses.
	2b. Blisters on hands.	2b. Wear gloves.
	2c. Back/shoulder strain.	2c. Do not overexert yourself.
3. Lifting grates from catch basins and window wells and replacing grates when done.	3a. Back strain; overexertion.	3a. Know your weight lifting capacity and get help if needed. Lift using leg muscles. Keep back straight.
	3b. Dropping grate on feet or fingers.	3b. Keep feet and hands clear of grate. Have coworker help you lift and replace large grates.
4. Using straight ladder.	4. Slipping/falling from ladder; ladder slipping or falling.	1. Use ladder of proper height. Inspect ladder before use. Verify that ladder is positioned on level ground. Do not place ladder on wet leaves, as ladder will slip.
5. Working in catch basins and window wells.	5a. Slipping/falling.	5a. Wear shoes with good treads. Use caution when walking on wet leaves.
	5b. Bites from squirrels, rats, mice; rabies.	5b. Open grate and let animal out. If the animal appears to be hurt or sick and does not leave, call the exterminators to eliminate problem before entering catch basin or window well.