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SEEDING LAWNS		
Activity	Hazard Identification	Required Precautions
1. Driving to and from work site in pickup truck or tractor with slice seeder attached.	1. Motor vehicle accident; striking pedestrians, bicyclists, or persons using rollerblades.	1. Wear prescription lenses, if required, and seatbelt. Verify that seeder is secured properly to tractor. Verify that all equipment on vehicle is secured properly. Stay alert for pedestrians, bicyclists, and persons using rollerblades.
2. Lifting heavy bags of seed.	2. Back strain; overexertion.	2. Know your weight lifting capacity and get help if needed. Lift using leg muscles. Keep back straight. Use mechanical lifting devices.
3. Putting seed in seed bin of trailer.	3a. Skin contact with fungicide and insecticide from treated seed.	3a. Wear gloves.
	3b. Inhalation of dust; dust in eyes.	3b. Wear dust mask and safety glasses.
	3c. Severe cuts and lacerations.	3c. Do not touch knife blade when cutting open seed bags. Cut away from yourself. Wear gloves.
4. Transporting hand seeder.	4a. Back strain; overexertion.	4a. Know your weight lifting capacity and get help if needed. Lift using leg muscles. Keep back straight. Preferably, use two people to load and unload seeder.
	4b. Cuts from seeder disks.	4b. Wear gloves.
5. Drilling seed into ground with tractor.	5a. Slipping/falling when getting into and out of tractor, especially in wet conditions.	5a. Proceed slowly and with caution. Make sure your foot is completely on the foot grip.
	5b. Struck by low-hanging branches or other obstacles.	5b. Watch for low-hanging limbs, branches, and other obstructions. Proceed in low gear when approaching low-hanging obstacles.
	5c. Loss of hearing.	5c. Wear ear protection.
6. Washing off seeder using garden hose.	6. Water and debris in eyes.	6. Wear safety glasses.

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7. Greasing fittings of slice seeder.	7. Grease on skin and in eyes.	7. Wear gloves and safety glasses.
8. Checking seed in seed box.	8. Knocking gear shift with leg, accidentally putting tractor in gear; severe injuries or dismemberment from slipping or falling near trailer or Power Takeoff (PTO).	8. Before leaving tractor to check seed box, turn off tractor, put on safety brakes, and shut PTO off.
9. Seeding with hand-push seeder.	9a. Back strain; overexertion.	9a. Be careful when lifting seeder into and out of truck to avoid back strain. Get help if needed.
	9b. Seed/dust in eyes; inhalation of dust.	9b. Avoid seeding on windy days. Wear safety glass and dust mask.
	9c. Skin contact with fungicide or insecticide from treated seed.	9c. Wear gloves.
10. Manually seeding using rake.	10a. Seed/dust in eyes; inhalation of dust.	10a. Avoid seeding on windy days. Wear safety glass and dust mask.
	10b. Skin contact with fungicide or insecticide from treated seed.	10b. Wear gloves.
	10c. Blisters.	10c. Wear gloves.
	10d. Back strain.	10d. Avoid raking/seeding in very dry conditions as ground will be too hard.