

# Power UP!

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## Special Interest Articles:

- How Often Should I Start My Generator?
- Homeowner's Guide to Riding Mowers.
- The Importance of Time.

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## 50 Fuel - The Best Mix For Your Equipment

Does your 2-cycle engine refuse to start on old gasoline or have trouble with the gasoline you purchase from a station? Ethanol in the gasoline mix is the problem.

What most people don't know is that over 50% of the gasoline sold in the US contains ethanol, and that problems can arise when gasoline with ethanol is left unused for extended periods of time.

gasoline attracts water from the atmosphere and the two bond together. This water/ethanol mixture separates from the gasoline – a process called "phase separation". When you start your 2-cycle engine it uses the ethanol/water that has separated from the gasoline and does not receive the lubrication that it needs. This can cause immediate engine failure.

solvent and when separation occurs, it often degrades rubber fuel lines and plastic components causing unnecessary maintenance problems and reducing the lifespan of your equipment.

The gasoline that goes into 50Fuel is specially engineered for 2-cycle engines like weed eaters, leaf blowers and chainsaws and never contains ethanol.

Ethanol is also a powerful

Why? The ethanol in the

## Backpack Blower Safety

Backpack blowers are a handy tool for removing leaves and debris from yards. Like all power equipment, there are some safety concerns when utilizing a backpack blower.

When using a blower, always be aware of the following hazards:

Flying debris, loud noise, back strain, noxious fumes, burns, temperature extremes, hidden objects and poisonous plants.

1. Review

2. Be properly trained on the use of this equipment by Supervisor/Certified Trainer prior to performing operations. Supervisors shall verify that operators are capable and qualified on each type of equipment before allowing the equipment to be operated.
3. Inspect equipment prior

4. Use proper fuel-oil mixture, no smoking during fueling/refueling.
5. Always wear appropriate PPE, consistent with the hazard and as directed by your supervisor. Eye and hearing protection are mandatory. Gloves should be used.
6. Properly adjust shoulder sling to reduce back strain.
7. Conduct a hazard assessment prior to beginning. Always pay attention to potential hazards in the surrounding area.

### Backpack Blower Safety - continued



- 8. Do not operate around others due to flying debris and noise. Ensure the area to be cleared does not have people, other equipment and vehicles in the immediate area.
- 9. Be aware of wind direction and try to blow debris with the wind direction. Restrict usage during high winds.
- 10. Avoid blowing debris in the direction of others.
- 11. Ensure adequate ventilation when using in covered areas.
- 12. Be cautious of hot muffler and exhaust.
- 13. Never operate from a moving vehicle.
- 14. Report, lockout tagout and remove from service damaged and malfunctioning equipment .
- 15. Empty the fuel tank and properly store the equipment.
- 16. Review this safe operating practice at least annually.

*"Not all shears and pruners are created equal!"*

### Hand Tools - For Those Smaller Jobs

We focus so often on the power tools that we forget about the small hand held tools. After all, the word "Power" is in our name. But smaller hand held tools are vital to any lawn maintenance business, garden or nursery. Tools like pruners, loppers, saws and shears.

There are various specialized tools for certain tasks as well as some that can be used for

a variety of purposes. Not all shears and pruners are created equal!

These tools can be made of stainless steel, high carbon steel, high carbon sword steel or forged. Some come with thermoplastic rubber grips while others have dipped handles.

Seville Power Equipment is proud to carry as a new product line, the Banel

Industries Professional Grade hand tools.

Be sure to check out the online store in the upcoming weeks for the full product line.

Banel... Tools for all Seasons and the Worldwide Choice of Professionals.



### How Often Should I Test My Generator?

This is a question we hear often. We also get surprised looks from some folks that did not know that you should test your generator.

So what's the answer? Once a month! Each month, you should fire up

your generator and let it run for ten minutes. It is also a good idea to run some of your necessary appliances against it to make sure that it can carry a power load.

Testing once a month can help prevent that awful

moment when you really need your generator and it just won't start.

Test monthly and bring your portable ones in for service as needed. For standby and RV generators, call our service department.



## \$7.95 Flat Rate Shipping on All Online Sales

Do you live too far away but need blades, filters, belts or other parts? Do you prefer to shop in your PJ's? Do you just like to shop online?

If you answered yes to any of the above, then ordering online is for you!

Seville Power Equipment's online store carries the most used parts you need and some extras. Order from the comfort of your home and get the same level of expert service that you get from our Pensacola store.

All orders, no matter how

heavy, ship for a flat rate of \$7.95. If you would rather pick the items up at our store, shipping will be waived. (Sorry, but the government still requires that we collect tax!)

All orders placed for in stock items before 2:00 p.m. Central Time will ship out the same day. We ship out using UPS Ground or the US Postal Service.

Some of the items and brands that we currently have on the site are: Jungle Jim's trailer racks, replacement mower blades, filters and belts, Accelerator grass catchers

and accessories, Trimmer Trap trailer racks and parts, Pressure-Pro pressure washers, W.E. Chapps safety equipment, tires and trimmer line.

If you have a suggestion or would like to see a specific product, please let our webmaster know at [webmaster@sevillepower.com](mailto:webmaster@sevillepower.com).

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## Protect Your Skin From the Sun

To minimize skin damage from the sun, follow these guidelines, based on the recommendations of the American Cancer Society and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Long-term exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays can damage your skin. To protect it, stay out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when the rays are at their strongest. And remember that clouds don't block UV rays.

Seek shade when you're outdoors.

Wear a hat, preferably with a 4-inch brim all around, to effectively cover your face, neck and ears.

Wear long sleeves and long pants, making sure they're made of tightly woven fabrics.

Use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 every day to help protect against incidental sun exposure; reapply it after swimming or sweating.

Keep in mind that a typical T-shirt has a lower SPF than the American Cancer Society recommends, so you'll still

need to apply sunscreen to areas the T-shirt covers.

Be aware that ultraviolet rays generally reflect off water, sand, snow and any light-colored surface, such as concrete; be diligent in applying sunscreen when you're around these surfaces.

Remember that some ultraviolet radiation will penetrate water and windows, so you always need protection.

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## A Homeowner's Guide to Buying a Riding Mower

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If you're a homeowner and mowing a 1/2 acre or more, you'll probably want to consider purchasing a lawn tractor or riding mower.

Look for a 38- to 42-inch deck. The deck size refers to the size of the lawnmower blade - the larger the deck, the wider the cutting swath and the quicker the job gets done. If you have a really large area to mow, you may consider moving up to a commercial grade mower. Some commercial grade mowers have decks up to 72 inches.

Choose the deck size according to the obstacles you have in your yard. A wider deck is good, but not if you have to go back and get between all of the trees with a regular mower. Another thing to consider is your landscape. If you have a lot of steep hills, a riding mower may not be right for you. Riding mowers are unsafe at any angle above 15 degrees.

Be sure you have enough room to store the mower. It needs to be stored on a level surface without standing water. Using a cover will help extend the life of your mower.

Think about whether you want the engine in the front or the back. Rear engines usually give you

better front visibility; front engines typically are found on more powerful mowers.

Ask the sales representative about the different speed controls. You will find a gear lever and clutch-brake combination, foot-pedal controls or a hydrostatic-drive system without a clutch. Expect to add \$200 to \$500 for the smoother, easier-to-operate hydrostatic drive.

Decide what the majority of your mowing will consist of. Will you be bagging, mulching or tossing the clippings out the side? Check out how complicated it is to switch from one mode to the other and whether you'll need additional accessories to do it.

Get the best warranty possible. Some surveys have found that "box store" riding mowers and tractor mowers have the worst reliability records of all major appliances. For the best warranties and mowers, avoid the "box store" models. Stick with brands that professional lawn mower dealers carry.

Check out how easy the mower is to steer and brake, how wide the turning circle is, the ease of adjusting cutting height, how much legroom it has, where the gas tank is,

how comfortable the seat and steering wheel are, how easy the controls are to reach and use, how the bag is removed and how difficult it is to get on and off.

Be prepared to pay between \$800 and \$3,000 for a homeowner tractor or riding mower. Be careful though, the old adage "you get what you pay for" is very accurate with riding mowers. Commercial grade mowers will be more expensive, but they are also built to last.

Be aware that if you do need to have your mower serviced, "box stores" such as Lowe's, Home Depot and other retailers only sell the equipment. They are not certified to repair it or do warranty work.

At Seville Power Equipment, not only do we service everything we sell, we do warranty work and will show you the proper way to use your mower. We fully assemble the units and teach you how to use your equipment safely and efficiently.

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## The Ultimate Tool - STIHL KombiSystems

So you want something that can do more than just one job. You want a tiller-blower-edger-trimmer-hedge trimmer-brush cutter-pole pruner-sweeper?

You say nothing like that exists? Well, STIHL has something that will do exactly that. It is the Interchangeable Kombi-System. The base unit is the KombiMotor that comes in several power modes. They all feature a low-emission engine and have many attachments available.

You choose which attachments you want and then swap them out as

needed.

The BF-KM Mini-Cultivator tiller that is great for getting into tight spots.

The BF-KM Blower is ideal for outside cleanup.

The FCB-KM Curved Lawn Edger is for edging along walkways and planting beds.

The FCS-KM Straight Lawn Edger delivers more power to the cut.

The FSB-KM Curved Shaft Trimmer, FS-KM Line Head Trimmer, and FS-KM Brushcutter with 4 Tooth Grass Blade are

dependable for your trimming needs.

The FH-KM 135 degree Adjustable Power Scythe, HL-KM 0 degree Straight HEdge Trimmer and HL-KM 135 degree Adjustable Hedge Trimmer makes it easier to keep hedges and grass in line.

The HT-KM Pole Pruner makes quick work of pruning trees and shrubs.

The KW-KM PowerSweep and KB-KM bristle Brush are ideal for cleanup.

Stop by and check out all of the models of the KombiSystem today!



KM 130 R STIHL KombiMotor

## Welcome Our New Parts Manager - Paul Frost

As happens with all companies, people come and people go. The same is true for Seville Power Equipment.

Last month, our former Parts Manager left the company. Now we welcome our new Parts Manager, Paul Frost to the SPE family.

Paul came from Colorado to Pensacola in 1993. He attended Pensacola Christian Academy and Pensacola Christian College.

He is a dedicated family

man with a wife and two children.

Some of his interests include history, playing guitar and riding dirt bikes.

His background includes working with parts and engines. Paul was a mechanic for some time and understands the needs of customers.

When you stop by the store, take a moment to introduce yourself to Paul and welcome him to Seville Power Equipment.

We look forward to seeing our customers on a regular

basis and strive to be on a first name basis with them. You can help us out! If you're in the neighborhood, just stop in to say hi!

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*"Paul...understands the needs of the customer."*

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## The Importance of Time

Imagine there is a bank that credits your account each morning with \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening it deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do?

Draw out every cent, of course!!!!

Each of us has such a bank. It's name is TIME. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, Whatever of this you have failed To invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours.

There is no going back.. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow". You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to

get from it the utmost in health, happiness, and success! The clock is running. Make the most of today.

To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who failed a grade.

To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who gave birth to a pre-mature baby.

To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask a person who missed the train.

To realize the value of ONE SECOND, ask a person who just avoided an accident.

To realize the value of

ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Treasure every moment that you have! Treasure it more because you Shared it with someone special, Special enough to spend your time.

Yesterday is history...  
Tomorrow is mystery...  
Today is a gift...  
That's why it's called the present.