



# 22in Recycler® Lawn Mower with SmartStow®

Model No. 20340—Serial No. 400000000 and Up

Form No. 3408-834 Rev B

## Operator's Manual

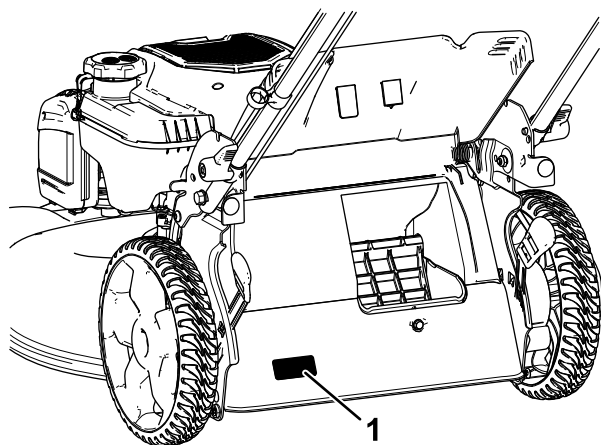
## Introduction

This rotary-blade, walk-behind lawn mower is intended to be used by residential homeowners. It is designed primarily for cutting grass on well-maintained lawns on residential properties. It is not designed for cutting brush or for agricultural uses.

Read this information carefully to learn how to operate and maintain your product properly and to avoid injury and product damage. You are responsible for operating the product properly and safely.

You may contact Toro directly at [www.Toro.com](http://www.Toro.com) for product and accessory information, help finding a dealer, or to register your product.

Whenever you need service, genuine Toro parts, or additional information, contact an Authorized Service Dealer or Toro Customer Service and have the model and serial numbers of your product ready. [Figure 1](#) identifies the location of the model and serial numbers on the product.



**Figure 1**

1. Model and serial number plate

Write the product model and serial numbers in the space below:

Model No. \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

This manual identifies potential hazards and has safety messages identified by the safety-alert symbol ([Figure 2](#)),

which signals a hazard that may cause serious injury or death if you do not follow the recommended precautions.



**Figure 2**

1. Safety-alert symbol

This manual uses 2 words to highlight information.

**Important** calls attention to special mechanical information and **Note** emphasizes general information worthy of special attention.

### **⚠ WARNING**

#### **CALIFORNIA Proposition 65 Warning**

**This product contains a chemical or chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or reproductive harm.**

**The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.**

It is a violation of California Public Resource Code Section 4442 or 4443 to use or operate the engine on any forest-covered, brush-covered, or grass-covered land unless the engine is equipped with a spark arrester, as defined in Section 4442, maintained in effective working order or the engine is constructed, equipped, and maintained for the prevention of fire.

This spark ignition system complies with Canadian ICES-002.

The enclosed *Engine Owner's Manual* is supplied for information regarding the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Emission Control Regulation of emission systems, maintenance, and warranty. Replacements may be ordered through the engine manufacturer.

**Net Torque:** The gross or net torque of this engine was laboratory rated by the engine manufacturer in accordance with the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) J1940. As configured to meet safety, emission, and operating requirements, the actual engine torque on this class of mower



will be significantly lower. Go to [www.Toro.com](http://www.Toro.com) to view specifications on your mower model.

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## Safety

This machine has been designed in accordance with ANSI B71.1-2012.

### General Safety

This product is capable of amputating hands and feet and of throwing objects. Always follow all safety instructions to avoid serious personal injury.

Using this product for purposes other than its intended use could prove dangerous to you and bystanders.

- Read and understand the contents of this *Operator's Manual* before starting the engine.
- Do not put your hands or feet near moving components of the machine.
- Do not operate the machine without all guards and other safety protective devices in place and working on the machine.
- Keep clear of any discharge opening. Keep bystanders a safe distance away from the machine.
- Keep children out of the operating area. Never allow children to operate the machine.
- Stop the machine and shut off the engine before servicing, fueling, or unclogging the machine.

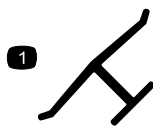
Improperly using or maintaining this machine can result in injury. To reduce the potential for injury, comply with these safety instructions and always pay attention to the safety-alert symbol, which means Caution, Warning, or Danger—personal safety instruction. Failure to comply with these instructions may result in personal injury or death.

You can find additional items of safety information in their respective sections throughout this manual.

# Safety and Instructional Decals



Safety decals and instructions are easily visible to the operator and are located near any area of potential danger. Replace any decal that is damaged or missing.



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## Manufacturer's Mark

1. Indicates the blade is identified as a part from the original machine manufacturer.



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1. Lock
2. Unlock

**CALIFORNIA SPARK ARRESTER WARNING**  
Operation of this equipment may create sparks that can start fires around dry vegetation. A spark arrester may be required. The operator should contact local fire agencies for laws or regulations relating to fire prevention requirements. 117-2718

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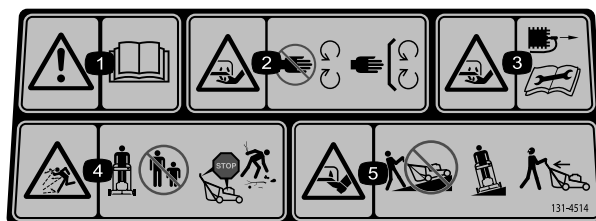
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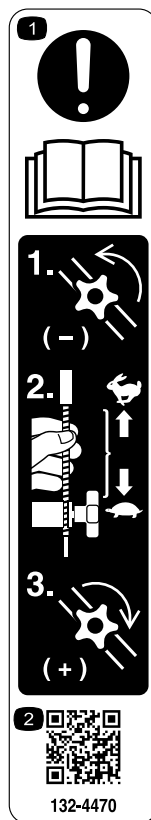
1. Recycling on
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1. Warning—read the *Operator's Manual*.
2. Cutting/dismemberment hazard of hand or foot, mower blade—stay away from moving parts; keep all guards and shields in place.
3. Cutting/dismemberment hazard of hand or foot, mower blade—disconnect the spark-plug wire and read the instructions before servicing or performing maintenance.
4. Thrown object hazard—keep bystanders a safe distance away from the machine; shut off the engine before leaving the operating position; pick up any debris before mowing.
5. Cutting/dismemberment hazard of hand or foot, mower blade—do not operate up and down slopes; operate side to side on slopes; look behind you when backing up.

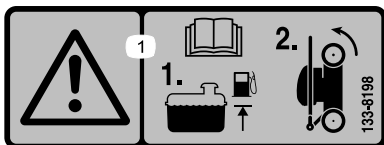


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Traction Adjustment

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1. Attention; read the *Operator's Manual*—1) Loosen the knob by turning it counterclockwise; 2) Pull the cable(s) away from the engine to decrease the traction, or push the cable(s) toward the engine to increase the traction; 3) Tighten the knob by turning it clockwise.
2. Scan the QR code for more information on traction adjustment.



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1. Warning—read the *Operator's Manual*; 1) Add fuel up to the indicated level. 2) Tip the mower forward for storage.

# Setup

**Important:** Remove and discard the protective plastic sheet that covers the engine and any other plastic or wrapping on the machine.

## 1

## Unfolding the Handle

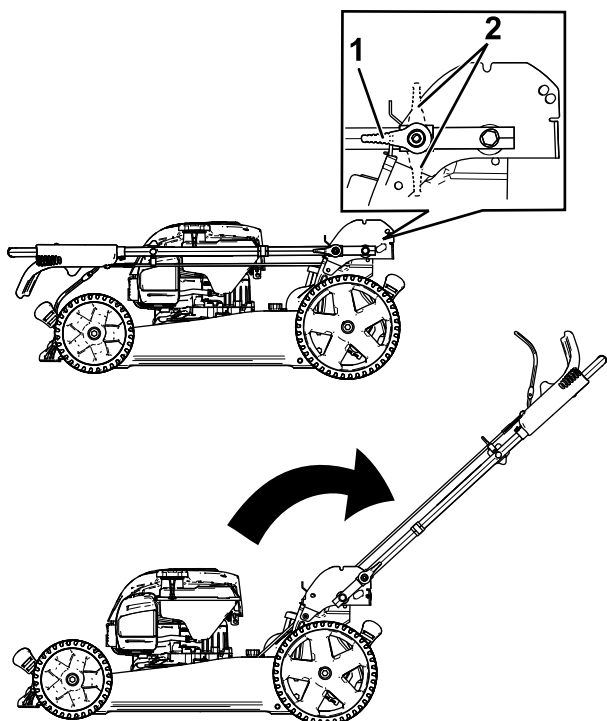
No Parts Required

### Procedure

#### **⚠ WARNING**

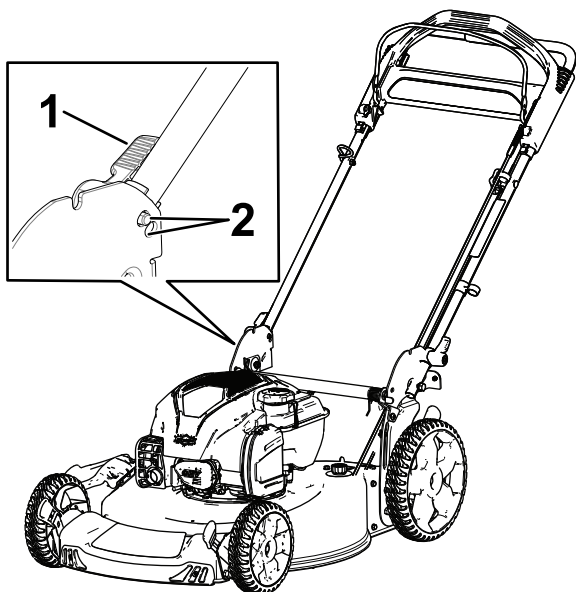
Unfolding the handle improperly can damage the cables, causing an unsafe operating condition.

- Do not damage the cable(s) when folding or unfolding the handle.
  - Ensure that the cable(s) are routed to the outside of the handle.
  - If a cable is damaged, contact an Authorized Service Dealer.
1. Disengage the handle locks (Figure 3).
  2. Move the handle rearward to the operating position (Figure 3).



**Figure 3**

1. Handle lock engaged position
  2. Handle lock disengaged positions
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3. Set the handle lock in 1 of the 2 positions (Figure 4) until the pin clicks in place to lock the handle into the operating position.



**Figure 4**

1. Handle lock
  2. Pin positions
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## 2

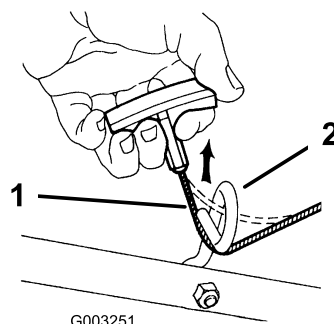
### Installing the Recoil-starter Rope in the Rope Guide

**No Parts Required**

#### Procedure

**Important:** To start the engine safely and easily whenever you use the machine, install the recoil-starter rope in the rope guide.

Hold the blade-control bar to the upper handle and pull the recoil-starter rope through the rope guide on the handle (Figure 5).



**Figure 5**

1. Recoil-starter rope
  2. Rope guide
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## 3

### Filling the Engine with Oil

**No Parts Required**

#### Procedure

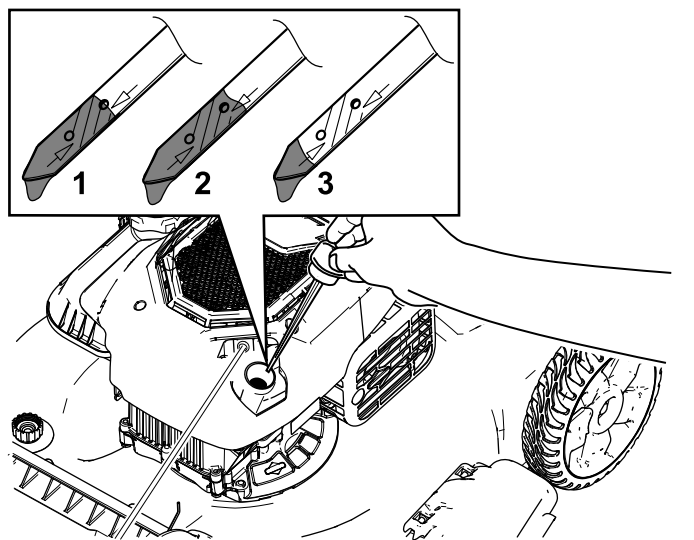
**Important:** Your machine does not come with oil in the engine, but it does come with a bottle of oil. Before starting the engine, fill the engine with oil.

**Engine oil capacity:** 0.47 L (16 fl oz)

**Oil viscosity:** SAE 30 or SAE 10W-30 detergent oil

**API service classification:** SJ or higher

1. Move the machine to a level surface.
2. Remove the dipstick by rotating the cap counterclockwise and pulling it out (Figure 6).



**Figure 6**

1. Full
2. High
3. Low

3. Carefully pour about 3/4 of the engine capacity of oil into the oil-fill tube.
4. Wipe the dipstick clean with a clean cloth.
5. Insert the dipstick into the oil-fill tube, then remove the dipstick.
6. Read the oil level on the dipstick (Figure 6).
  - If the oil level is below the Add mark on the dipstick, carefully pour a small amount of oil into the oil-fill tube, wait 3 minutes, and repeat steps 3 through 5 until the oil level on the dipstick is at the Full mark on the dipstick.
  - If the oil level is above the Full mark on the dipstick, drain the excess oil until the oil level is at the Full mark on the dipstick; refer to [Changing the Engine Oil](#) (page 17).

**Important:** If the oil level in the engine is too low or too high and you run the engine, you may damage the engine.

7. Install the dipstick securely.

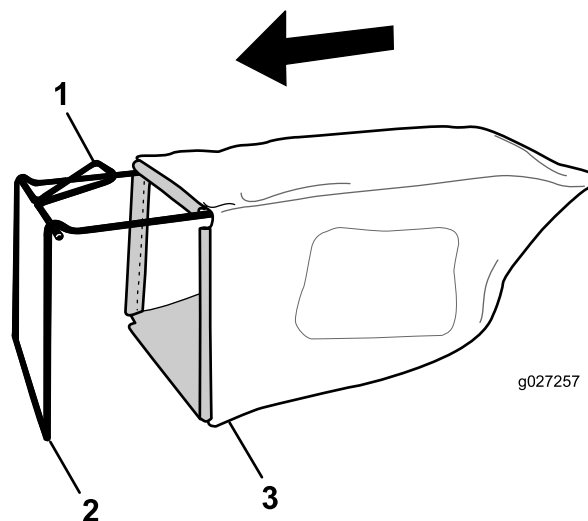
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## Assembling the Grass Bag

**No Parts Required**

### Procedure

1. Slip the grass bag over the frame as shown in Figure 7.



**Figure 7**

1. Handle
2. Frame
3. Grass bag

**Note:** Do not slip the bag over the handle (Figure 7).

2. Hook the bottom channel of the bag onto the bottom of the frame (Figure 8).

# Product Overview

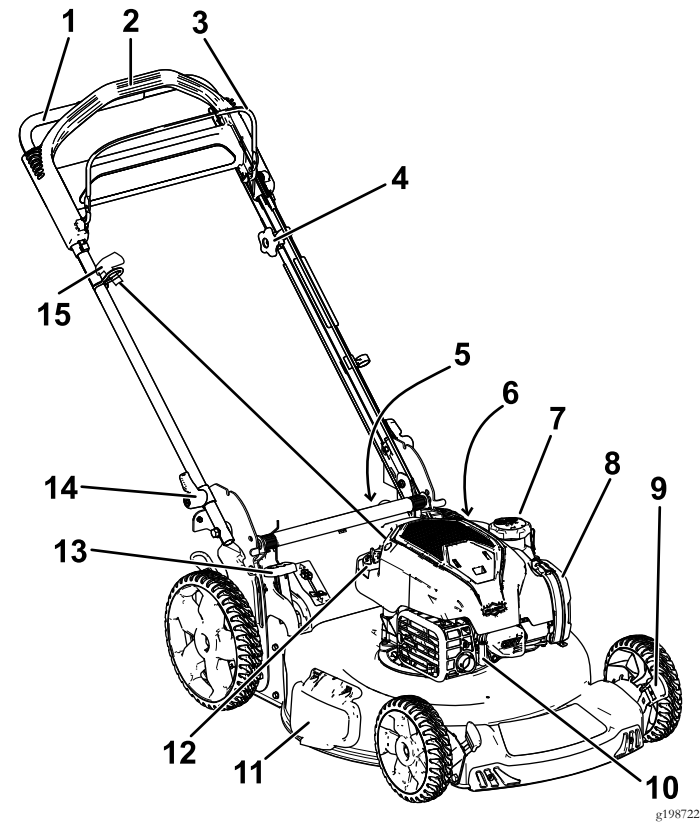


Figure 9

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|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Handle                                    | 9. Cutting-height lever (4)  |
| 2. Self-propel bar                           | 10. Spark plug               |
| 3. Blade-control bar                         | 11. Side-discharge deflector |
| 4. Adjustment knob for the self-propel drive | 12. Oil-fill tube/dipstick   |
| 5. Rear deflector (not shown)                | 13. Bag-on-demand lever      |
| 6. Washout port (not shown)                  | 14. Handle lock (2)          |
| 7. Fuel-tank cap                             | 15. Recoil-start handle      |
| 8. Air filter                                |                              |

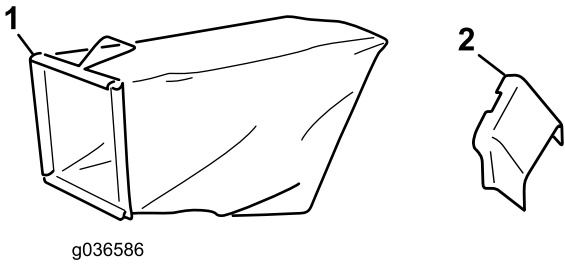


Figure 10

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|--------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Grass bag | 2. Side-discharge chute |
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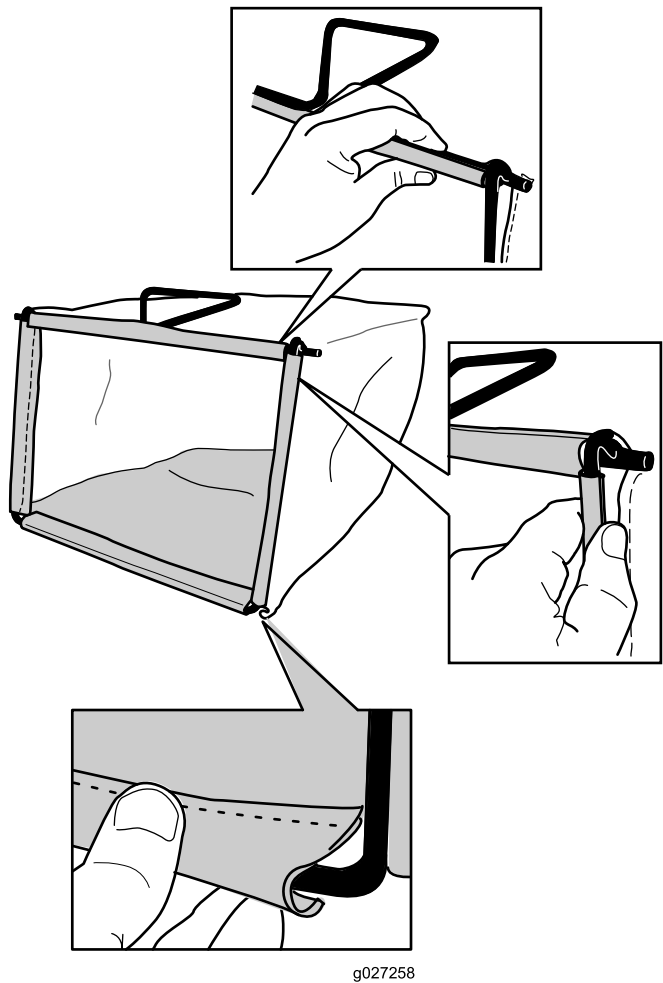


Figure 8

3. Hook the top and side channels of the bag onto the top and sides of the frame, respectively (Figure 8).

# Operation

## Before Operation

### Before Operation Safety

#### General Safety

- Become familiar with the safe operation of the equipment, operator controls, and safety signs.
- Check that all guards and safety devices, such as deflectors and/or grass catcher, are in place and working properly.
- Always inspect the machine to ensure that the blades, blade bolts, and cutting assembly are not worn or damaged.
- Inspect the area where you will use the machine and remove all objects that the machine could throw.
- Adjusting the cutting height may bring you into contact with the moving blade, causing serious injury.
  - Shut off the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.
  - Do not put your fingers under the housing when adjusting the cutting height.

#### Fuel Safety

##### **⚠ DANGER**

Fuel is extremely flammable and highly explosive. A fire or explosion from fuel can burn you and others and can damage property.

- To prevent a static charge from igniting the fuel, place the container and/or machine directly on the ground before filling, not in a vehicle or on an object.
- Fill the fuel tank outdoors, in an open area, when the engine is cold. Wipe up any fuel that spills.
- Do not handle fuel when smoking or around an open flame or sparks.
- Store fuel in an approved container and keep it out of the reach of children.

##### **⚠ WARNING**

Fuel is harmful or fatal if swallowed. Long-term exposure to vapors can cause serious injury and illness.

- Avoid prolonged breathing of vapors.
- Keep your hands and face away from the nozzle and the fuel-tank opening.
- Keep fuel away from your eyes and skin.

## Filling the Fuel Tank

- For best results, use only clean, fresh, unleaded gasoline with an octane rating of 87 or higher ((R+M)/2 rating method).
- Oxygenated fuel with up to 10% ethanol or 15% MTBE by volume is acceptable.
- **Do not** use ethanol blends of gasoline, such as E15 or E85, with more than 10% ethanol by volume. Performance problems and/or engine damage may result, which may not be covered under warranty.
- **Do not** use gasoline containing methanol.
- **Do not** store fuel either in the fuel tank or in fuel containers over the winter unless fuel stabilizer has been added to the fuel.
- **Do not** add oil to gasoline.

Fill the fuel tank with fresh unleaded regular gasoline from a major name-brand service station (Figure 11).

**Important:** To reduce starting problems, add fuel stabilizer to the fuel all season, mixing it with gasoline less than 30 days old.

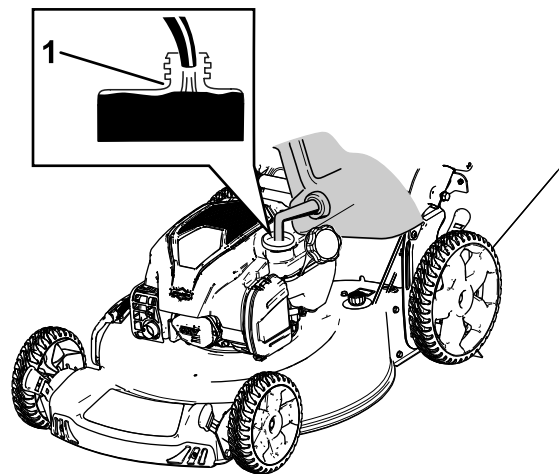


Figure 11

1. Do not fill the fuel tank above the bottom of the fuel tank neck.

## Checking the Engine-Oil Level

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily

1. Move the machine to a level surface.
2. Remove the dipstick, wipe the dipstick end with a clean cloth, and insert it into the oil-fill tube (Figure 12).

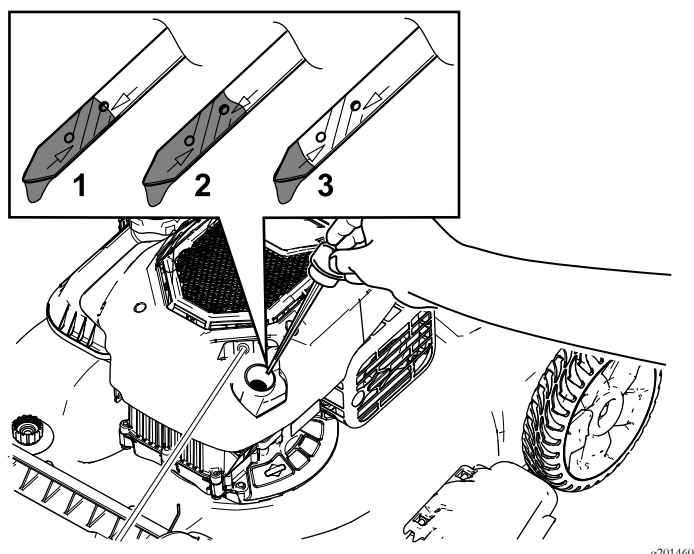


Figure 12

1. Full
2. High
3. Low

3. Remove the dipstick and read the oil level on the dipstick end (Figure 12).
  - If the oil is below the Add mark on the dipstick, slowly pour a small amount of oil into the oil-fill tube, wait 3 minutes, and then repeat steps 3 through 5 until the oil level is at the Full mark on the dipstick.
  - If the oil is above the Full mark on the dipstick, drain the excess oil until the oil level is at the Full mark on the dipstick. To drain the excess oil, refer to [Changing the Engine Oil](#) (page 17).

**Important:** If the oil level in the crankcase is too low or too high and you run the engine, you may damage the engine.

4. Install the dipstick securely.

## Adjusting the Cutting Height

### ⚠ CAUTION

If the engine has been running, the muffler will be hot and can severely burn you.

Keep away from the hot muffler.

Adjust the cutting height as desired. Set the front wheels to the same height as the rear wheels (Figure 13).

**Note:** To raise the machine, move the front cutting-height levers rearward and the rear cutting-height levers forward; to lower the machine, move the front cutting-height levers forward and the rear cutting-height levers rearward.

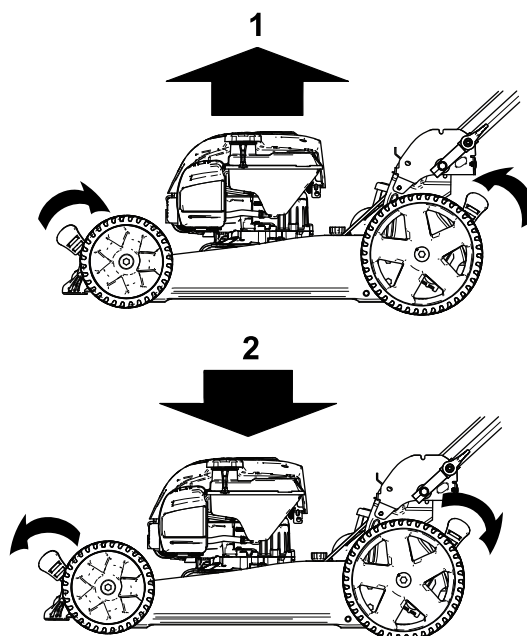


Figure 13

1. Raise the machine
2. Lower the machine

**Note:** The cutting-height settings are 25 mm (1 inch); 35 mm (1-3/8 inches); 44 mm (1-3/4 inches); 54 mm (2-1/8 inches); 64 mm (2-1/2 inches); 73 mm (2-7/8 inches); 83 mm (3-1/4 inches); 92 mm (3-5/8 inches); and 102 mm (4 inches).

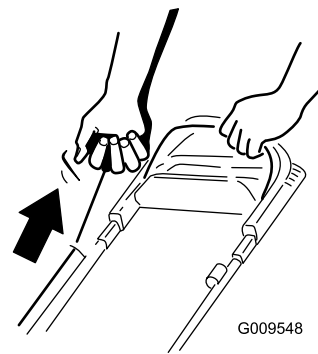
## During Operation

## During Operating Safety

### General Safety

- Wear appropriate clothing, including eye protection; slip-resistant, substantial footwear; and hearing protection. Tie back long hair, secure loose clothing, and do not wear jewelry.
- Do not operate the machine while ill, tired, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- The blade is sharp; contacting the blade can result in serious personal injury. Shut off the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the operating position.
- When you release the blade-control bar, the engine should shut off and the blade should stop within 3 seconds. If not, stop using your machine immediately and contact an Authorized Service Dealer.
- Operate the machine only in good visibility and appropriate weather conditions. Do not operate the machine when there is the risk of lightning.
- Wet grass or leaves can cause serious injury if you slip and contact the blade. Avoid mowing in wet conditions.
- Use extreme care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may block your view.

- Watch for holes, ruts, bumps, rocks, or other hidden objects. Uneven terrain could cause a slip-and-fall accident.
- Stop the machine and inspect the blades after striking an object or if there is an abnormal vibration in the machine. Make all necessary repairs before resuming operation.
- Before leaving the operating position, shut off the engine, and wait for all moving parts to stop.
- If the engine has been running the muffler will be hot and can severely burn you. Keep away from the hot muffler.
- Check the grass catcher components and the discharge guard frequently and replace them with the manufacturer's recommended parts when necessary.
- Use accessories and attachments approved by the The Toro® Company only.



**Figure 15**

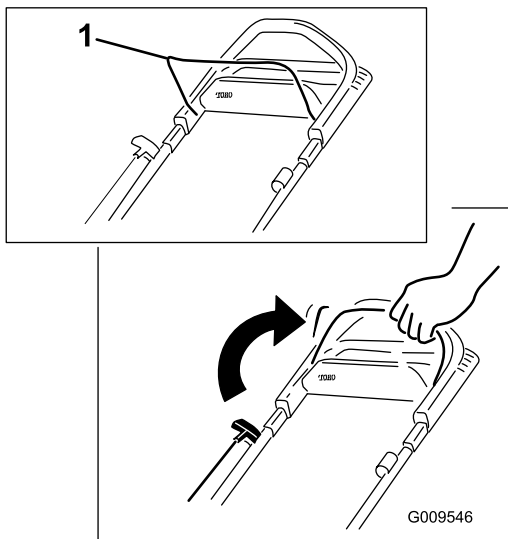
**Note:** If the machine does not start after several attempts, contact an Authorized Service Dealer.

## Slope Safety

- Mow across the face of slopes; never up and down. Use extreme caution when changing direction on slopes.
- Do not mow on excessively steep slopes. Poor footing could cause a slip-and-fall accident.
- Mow with caution near drop-offs, ditches, or embankments.

## Starting the Engine

1. Hold the blade-control bar against the handle (Figure 14).

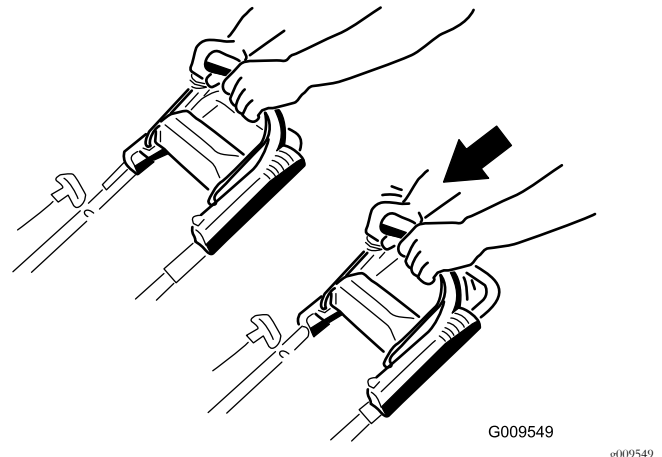


**Figure 14**

1. Blade-control bar

## Using the Self-Propel Drive

To operate the self-propel drive, simply walk with your hands on the upper handle and your elbows at your sides, and the machine will automatically keep pace with you (Figure 16).



**Figure 16**

**Note:** If the machine does not freely roll backward after self-propelling, stop walking, hold your hands in place, and allow the machine to roll a couple of centimeters (inches) forward to disengage the wheel drive. You can also try reaching just under the upper handle to the metal handle and push the machine forward a couple of centimeters (inches). If the machine still does not roll backward easily, contact an Authorized Service Dealer.

2. Pull the recoil-start handle (Figure 15) lightly until you feel resistance, then pull it sharply, and allow it to return to the rope guide on the handle slowly.

# Shutting Off the Engine

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily

To shut off the engine, release the blade-control bar.

**Important:** When you release the blade-control bar, both the engine and blade should stop within 3 seconds. If they do not stop properly, stop using your machine immediately and contact an Authorized Service Dealer.

## Recycling the Clippings

Your machine comes from the factory ready to recycle the grass and leaf clippings back into the lawn.

If the grass bag is on the machine and the bag-on-demand lever is in the bagging position, move the lever to the recycling position; refer to [Operating the Bag-on-Demand Lever \(page 11\)](#). If the side-discharge chute is on the machine, remove it; refer to [Removing the Side-Discharge Chute \(page 12\)](#).

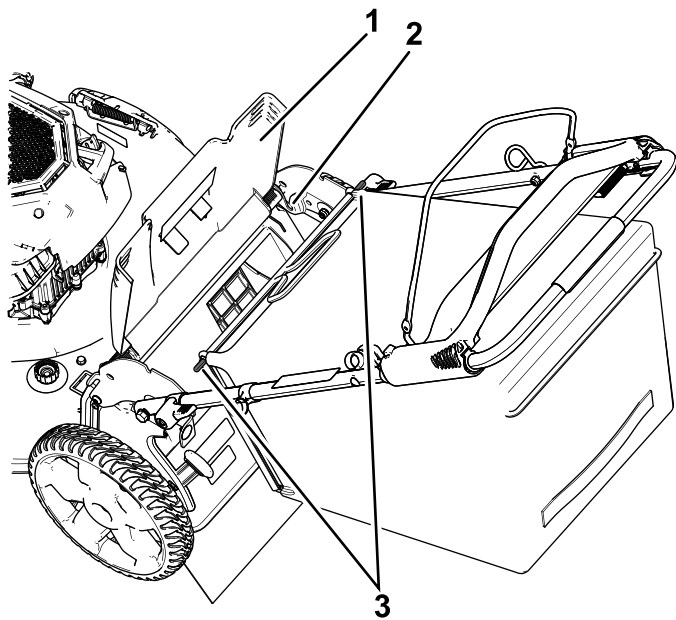
## Bagging the Clippings

Use the grass bag when you want to collect grass and leaf clippings from the lawn.

If the side-discharge chute is on the machine, remove it; refer to [Removing the Side-Discharge Chute \(page 12\)](#). If the bag-on-demand lever is in the recycling position, move it to the bagging position; refer to [Operating the Bag-on-Demand Lever \(page 11\)](#).

## Installing the Grass Bag

1. Raise and hold up the rear door ([Figure 17](#)).



**Figure 17**

1. Rear door
2. Notches (2)
3. Grass-bag pin (2)

2. Install the grass bag, ensuring that the pins on the bag rest in the notches on the handle ([Figure 17](#)).
3. Lower the rear door.

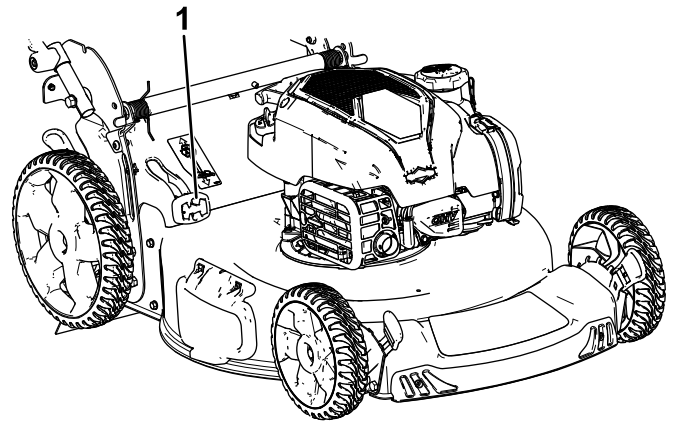
## Removing the Grass Bag

To remove the bag, reverse the steps in [Installing the Grass Bag \(page 11\)](#).

## Operating the Bag-on-Demand Lever

The bag-on-demand feature allows you to either collect or recycle grass and leaf clippings while the grass bag is attached to the machine.

- **To bag the grass and leaf clippings**, press the button on the bag-on-demand lever and move the lever forward until the button on the lever pops up ([Figure 18](#)).

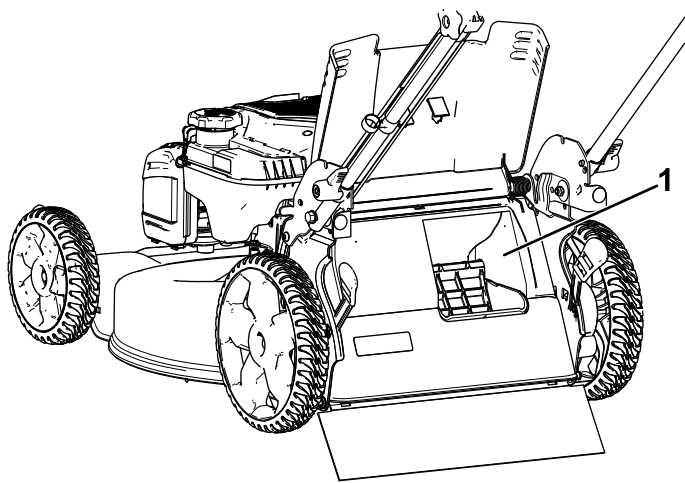


**Figure 18**

1. Bag-on-demand lever (in the bagging position)

- **To recycle or side-discharge the grass and leaf clippings**, press the button on the lever and move the lever rearward until the button on the lever pops up.

**Important:** For proper operation, shut off the engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and then remove any grass clippings and debris from the bag-on-demand door and the surrounding opening ([Figure 19](#)) before you move the bag-on-demand lever from 1 position to another.



**Figure 19**

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1. Clean here

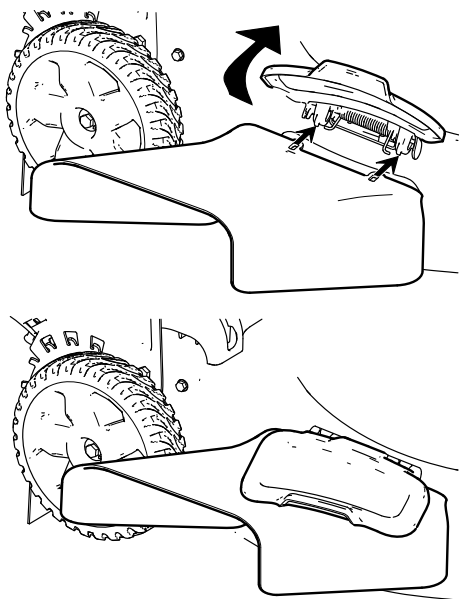
## Side-Discharging the Clippings

Use side-discharging for cutting very tall grass.

If the grass bag is on the machine and the bag-on-demand lever is in the bagging position, move the lever to the recycling position; refer to [Operating the Bag-on-Demand Lever \(page 11\)](#).

## Installing the Side-Discharge Chute

Lift up the side door and install the side-discharge chute ([Figure 20](#)).



**Figure 20**

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## Removing the Side-Discharge Chute

To remove the side-discharge chute, lift up the side door, remove the side-discharge chute, and lower the side-discharge door.

# Storing the Machine in the Vertical-Stow Position

During the mowing season or in the off-season, you can store your machine in the vertical position to minimize storage space.

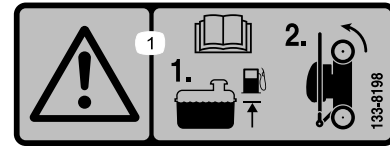


Figure 21

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## ⚠ DANGER

Fuel is extremely flammable and explosive. A fire or explosion from fuel can burn you and others.

- Storing the machine in the vertical position when there is too much fuel in the fuel tank may cause fuel to leak from the fuel tank. Fuel is extremely flammable and explosive. A fire or explosion from fuel can burn you and others.
- Store the machine in the vertical position only when the level of fuel in the fuel tank is no higher than what is recommended in this *Operator's Manual*.
- Do not store the machine in a position that is beyond the vertical (90°) position; otherwise, fuel may escape from the fuel tank.
- Do not transport the machine in the vertical-stow position.
- Do not attempt to start the machine in the vertical-stow position.
- Do not attempt to store any machine with fuel and oil in the vertical-stow position that is not designed for that purpose.

## ⚠ WARNING

Folding or unfolding the handle improperly can damage the cables, causing an unsafe operating condition.

- Do not damage the cables when folding or unfolding the handle.
  - If a cable is damaged, contact an Authorized Service Dealer.
1. Ensure that the level of fuel in the fuel tank is no higher than what is recommended by the engine manufacturer; refer to the engine manufacturer's decal on the engine (Figure 21).

**Note:** If there is the level of fuel in the fuel tank is too high, drain the fuel from the fuel tank into an approved fuel container until it is at or below the level recommended by the engine manufacturer.

2. Ensure that the cutting-height setting on the machine is 35 mm (1-3/8 inches) or higher; if it is not, lower it; refer to [Adjusting the Cutting Height \(page 9\)](#).
3. Disengage the handle locks (Figure 22).

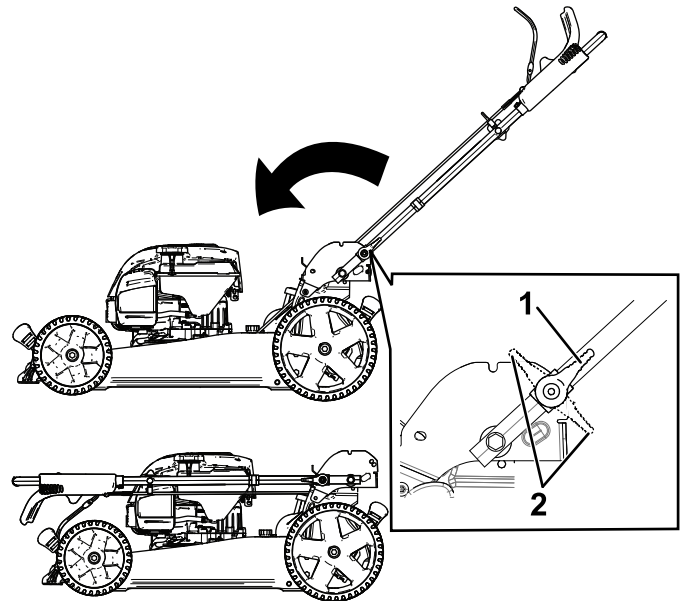


Figure 22

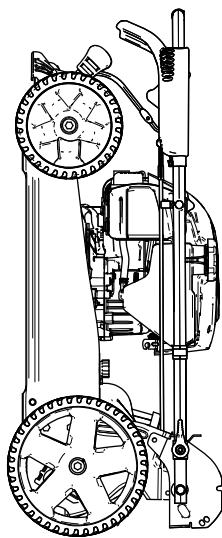
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1. Handle lock engaged position
2. Handle lock disengaged positions

4. Fold the handle fully forward (Figure 22).

**Important:** Route the cables to the outside of the handle knobs as you fold the handle.

5. Engage the handle locks.
6. Lift the front of the machine by the handle and move it into a storage space (Figure 23).



**Figure 23**

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## Operating Tips

### General Mowing Tips

- Inspect the area where you will use the machine and remove all objects that the machine could throw.
- Avoid striking solid objects with the blade. Never deliberately mow over any object.
- If the machine strikes an object or starts to vibrate, immediately shut off the engine, disconnect the wire from the spark plug, and examine the machine for damage.
- For best performance, install a new blade before the cutting season begins.
- Replace the blade when necessary with a Toro replacement blade.

### Cutting Grass

- Cut only about a third of the grass blade at a time. Do not cut below the 54 mm (2-1/8 inch) setting unless the grass is sparse or it is late fall when grass growth begins to slow down. Refer to [Adjusting the Cutting Height \(page 9\)](#).
- When cutting grass over 15 cm (6 inches) tall, mow at the highest cutting height setting and walk slower; then mow again at a lower setting for the best lawn appearance. If the grass is too long, the machine may plug and cause the engine to stall.
- Wet grass and leaves tend to clump on the yard and can cause the machine to plug or the engine to stall. Avoid mowing in wet conditions.
- Be aware of a potential fire hazard in very dry conditions, follow all local fire warnings, and keep the machine free of dry grass and leaf debris.

- Alternate the mowing direction. This helps disperse the clippings over the lawn for even fertilization.
- If the finished lawn appearance is unsatisfactory, try 1 or more of the following:
  - Replace the blade or have it sharpened.
  - Walk at a slower pace while mowing.
  - Raise the cutting height on your machine.
  - Cut the grass more frequently.
  - Overlap cutting swaths instead of cutting a full swath with each pass.

### Cutting Leaves

- After cutting the lawn, ensure that half of the lawn shows through the cut leaf cover. You may need to make more than a single pass over the leaves.
- If there are more than 13 cm (5 inches) of leaves on the lawn, set the front cutting height 1 or 2 notches higher than the rear cutting height.
- Slow down your mowing speed if the machine does not cut the leaves finely enough.

## After Operation

### After Operating Safety

#### General Safety

- Clean grass and debris from the machine to help prevent fires. Clean up oil or fuel spills.
- Allow the engine to cool before storing the machine in any enclosure.
- Never store the machine or fuel container where there is an open flame, spark, or pilot light, such as on a water heater or on other appliances.

#### Hauling Safety

- Use care when loading or unloading the machine into a trailer or truck.
- Use full-width ramps for loading the machine into a trailer or truck. Do not exceed a 15° angle between the ramp and the trailer or truck.
- Tie the machine down securely using straps, chains, cable, or ropes. Both front and rear straps should be directed down and outward from the machine.

# Cleaning the Machine

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily

## Cleaning the Machine Using the Washout Port

For best results, clean the machine soon after you have completed mowing.

1. Lower the machine to its lowest cutting-height setting. Refer to [Adjusting the Cutting Height \(page 9\)](#).
2. Move the machine onto a flat paved surface.
3. Wash out the area under the rear deflector where the clippings go from the underside of the machine to the grass bag.

**Note:** Wash out the area with the bag-on-demand in both the fully forward and fully rearward positions.

4. Attach a garden hose that is connected to a water supply to the washout port ([Figure 24](#)).

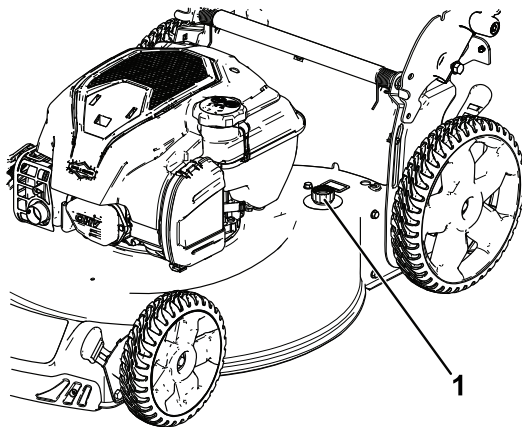


Figure 24

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1. Washout port

5. Turn the water on.
6. Start the engine and run it until there are no more clippings that come out from under the machine.
7. Stop the engine.
8. Shut off the water and disconnect the garden hose from the machine.
9. Start the engine and run it for a few minutes to dry the underside of the machine to prevent it from rusting.
10. Allow the engine to cool before storing the machine in an enclosed area.

## Cleaning the Machine in the Vertical-stow Position

1. Set the machine in the vertical-stow position; refer to [Storing the Machine in the Vertical-Stow Position \(page 13\)](#).

2. Wash out the clippings from under the machine.

## Folding the Handle

### ⚠ WARNING

Folding or unfolding the handle improperly can damage the cables, causing an unsafe operating condition.

- Do not damage the cables when folding or unfolding the handle.
- If a cable is damaged, contact an Authorized Service Dealer.

1. Disengage the handle locks until you can move the upper handle freely.
2. Fold the handle forward either to the vertical position or the fully forward position as shown in [Figure 25](#).

**Important:** Route the cables to the outside of the handle locks as you fold the handle.

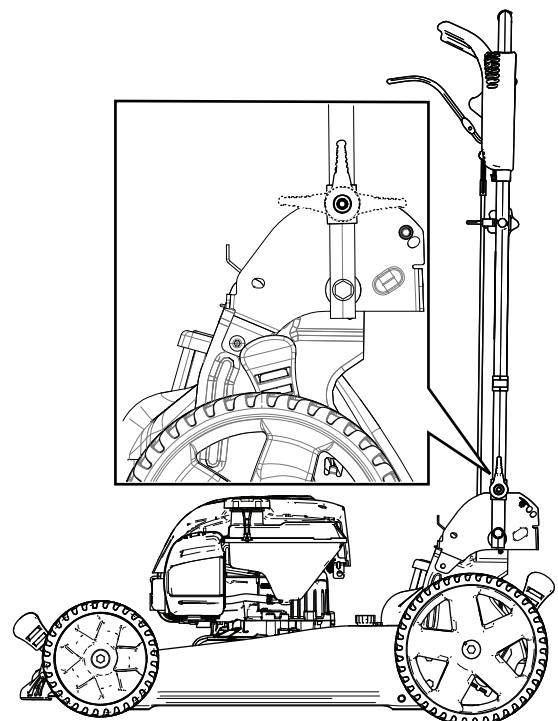


Figure 25

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3. To unfold the handle, refer to [1 Unfolding the Handle \(page 4\)](#).

# Maintenance

**Note:** Determine the left and right sides of the machine from the normal operating position.

Replacement parts are available from an Authorized Service Dealer or at [www.torodealer.com](http://www.torodealer.com) (US customers only).

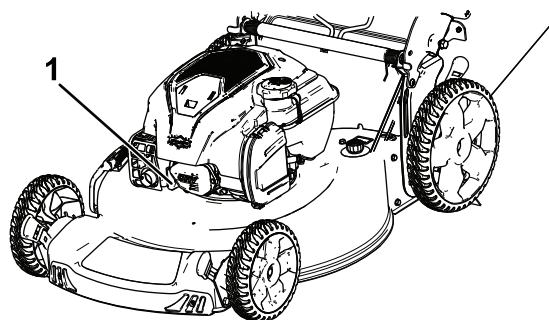
## Recommended Maintenance Schedule(s)

| Maintenance Service Interval | Maintenance Procedure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Before each use or daily     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check the engine-oil level and add oil as needed.</li><li>• Ensure that the engine stops within 3 seconds after releasing the blade-control bar.</li><li>• Clean grass clippings and dirt from under the machine.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Before storage               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Empty the fuel tank before repairs as directed and before annual storage.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Yearly                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clean the air cooling system; clean it more frequently in dusty operating conditions. Refer to your engine owner's manual.</li><li>• Service the air filter; service it more frequently in dusty operating conditions.</li><li>• Replace the blade or have it sharpened (more frequently if the edge dulls quickly).</li><li>• Refer to your engine owner's manual for any additional yearly maintenance procedures.</li></ul> |

**Important:** Refer to your engine manual for additional maintenance procedures.

## Maintenance Safety

- Disconnect the spark-plug wire from the spark plug before performing any maintenance procedure.
- Wear gloves and eye protection when servicing the machine.
- The blade is sharp; contacting the blade can result in serious personal injury. Wear gloves when servicing the blade.
- Never tamper with safety devices. Check their proper operation regularly.
- Tipping the machine may cause the fuel to leak. Fuel is flammable and explosive, and can cause personal injury. Run the engine dry to remove the fuel with a hand pump; never siphon the fuel.



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**Figure 26**

1. Spark-plug wire

3. After performing the maintenance procedure(s), connect the spark-plug wire to the spark plug.

**Important:** Before tipping the machine to change the oil or replace the blade, allow the fuel tank to run dry through normal usage. If you must tip the machine prior to running out of fuel, use a hand fuel pump to remove the fuel. Always tip the machine onto its side, with the dipstick down.

## Preparing for Maintenance

1. Shut off the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.
2. Disconnect the spark-plug wire from the spark plug (Figure 26).

# Servicing the Air Filter

Service Interval: Yearly

1. Unclip the top of the air-filter cover (Figure 27).

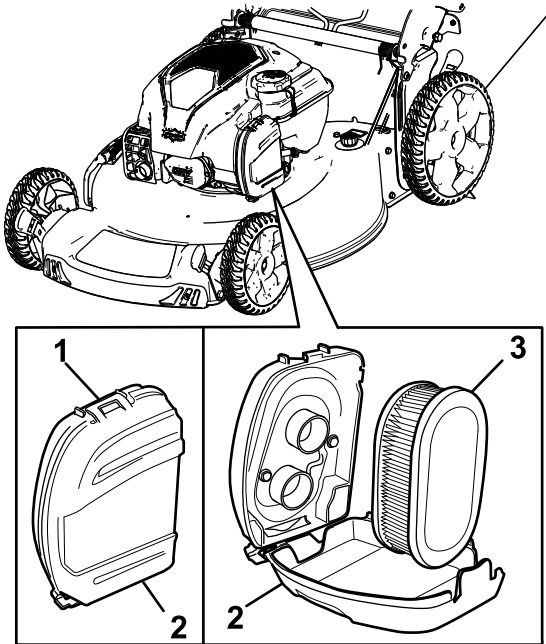


Figure 27

1. Clip
2. Air-filter cover
3. Air filter

2. Remove the air filter (Figure 27).
3. Inspect the air filter.

**Note:** If the air filter is excessively dirty, replace it with a new filter. Otherwise, gently tap the air filter on a hard surface to loosen debris.

4. Install the air filter.
5. Use the clip to install the air-filter cover.

## Changing the Engine Oil

Changing the engine oil is not required, but if you desire to change the oil, use the following procedure.

**Note:** Run the engine a few minutes before changing the oil to warm it. Warm oil flows better and carries more contaminants.

**Engine oil capacity:** 0.47 L (16 fl oz)

**Oil viscosity:** SAE 30 or SAE 10W-30 detergent oil

**API service classification:** SJ or higher

1. Move the machine to a level surface.
2. Refer to [Preparing for Maintenance](#) (page 16).
3. Remove the dipstick by rotating the cap counterclockwise and pulling it out (Figure 28).

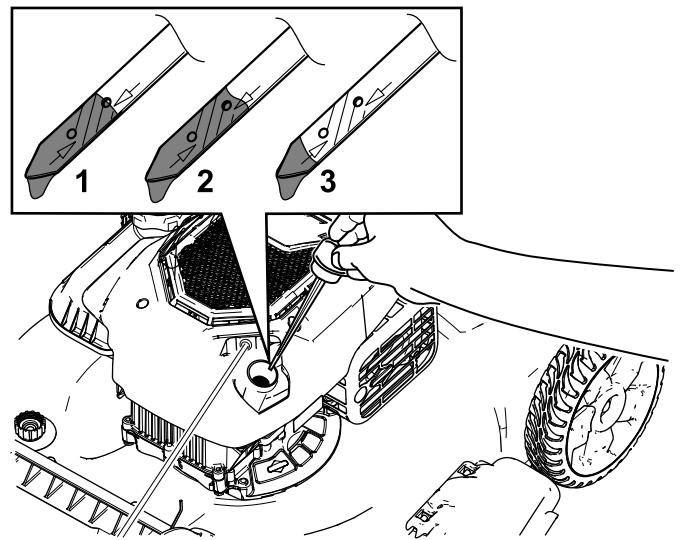


Figure 28

1. Full
2. High
3. Low

4. Tip the machine onto its side (so that the air filter is up) to drain the used oil from the oil-fill tube (Figure 29) or set the machine in the vertical-stow position (Figure 30).

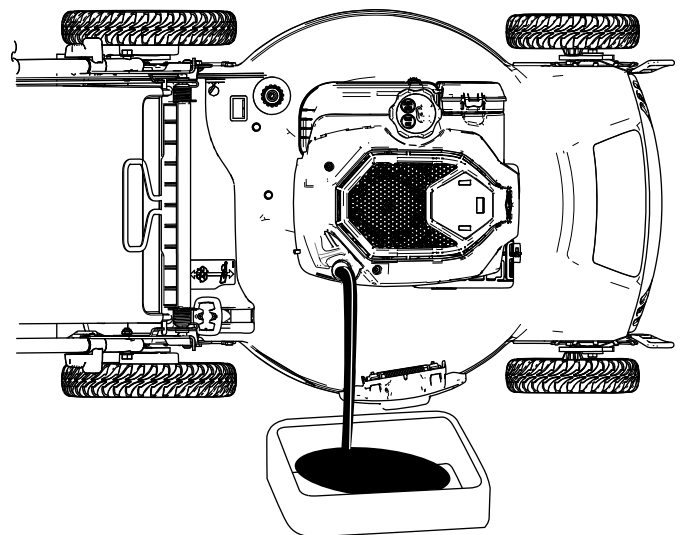
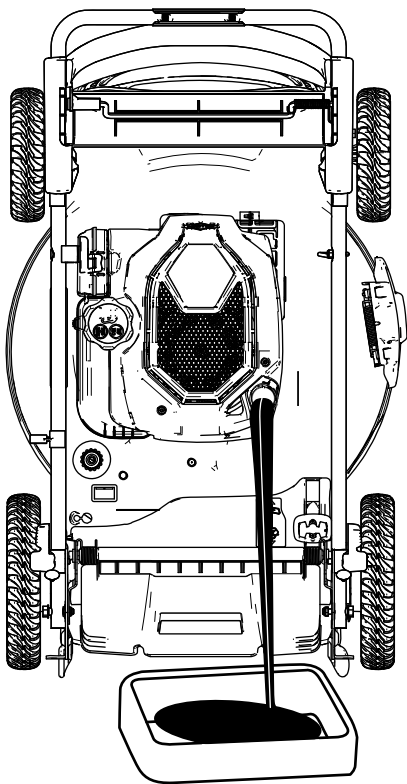


Figure 29



**Figure 30**

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5. After draining the used oil, return the machine to the operating position.
6. Carefully pour about 3/4 of the engine capacity of oil into the oil-fill tube.
7. Wait about 3 minutes for the oil to settle in the engine.
8. Wipe the dipstick clean with a clean cloth.
9. Insert the dipstick into the oil-fill tube, then remove the dipstick.
10. Read the oil level on the dipstick (Figure 28).
  - If the oil level is below the Add mark on the dipstick, carefully pour a small amount of oil into the oil-fill tube, wait 3 minutes, and repeat steps 8 through 10 until the oil level is at the Full mark on the dipstick.
  - If the oil level is above the Full mark on the dipstick, drain the excess oil until the oil level is at the Full mark on the dipstick; refer to [Changing the Engine Oil \(page 17\)](#).
- Important:** If the oil level in the engine is too low or too high and you run the engine, you may damage the engine.
11. Install the dipstick securely.
12. Recycle the used oil properly.

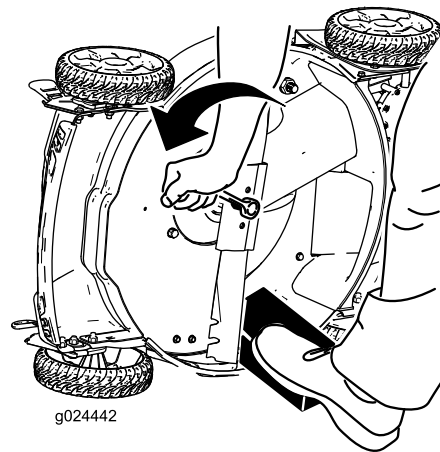
## Replacing the Blade

**Service Interval:** Yearly

**Important:** You will need a torque wrench to install the blade properly. If you do not have a torque wrench or are uncomfortable performing this procedure, contact an Authorized Service Dealer.

Examine the blade whenever you run out of gasoline. If the blade is damaged or cracked, replace it immediately. If the blade edge is dull or nicked, have it sharpened and balanced, or replace it.

1. Refer to [Preparing for Maintenance \(page 16\)](#).
2. Tip the machine either onto its side with the dipstick down.
3. Use a block of wood to hold the blade steady (Figure 31).



**Figure 31**

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4. Remove the blade by turning the blade bolt counterclockwise, saving all mounting hardware to install the new blade (Figure 31).
5. Install the new blade by turning the blade bolt clockwise (Figure 32).

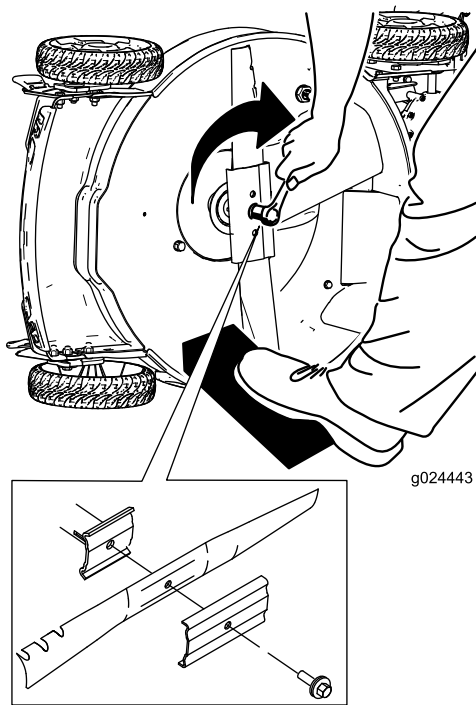


Figure 32

**Important:** Position the curved ends of the blade to point toward the machine housing.

6. Use a torque wrench to tighten the blade bolt to 82 N·m (60 ft-lb).

**Important:** A bolt torqued to 82 N·m (60 ft-lb) is very tight. While holding the blade with a block of wood, put your weight behind the ratchet or wrench and tighten the bolt securely. This bolt is very difficult to overtighten.

## Adjusting the Self-Propel Drive

Whenever you install a new self-propel cable or if the self-propel drive is out of adjustment, adjust the self-propel drive.

1. Turn the adjustment knob counterclockwise to loosen the cable adjustment (Figure 33).

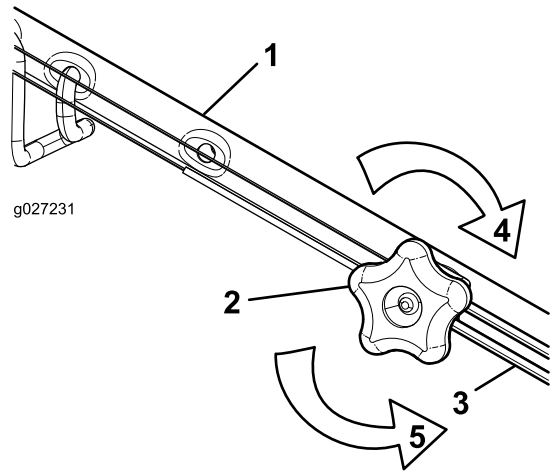


Figure 33

1. Handle (left side)
2. Adjustment knob
3. Self-propel-drive cable
4. Turn the knob clockwise to tighten the adjustment.
5. Turn the knob counterclockwise to loosen the adjustment.

2. Adjust the tension on the cable (Figure 33) by pulling it back or pushing it forward and holding that position.

**Note:** Push the cable toward the engine to increase the traction; pull the cable away from the engine to decrease the traction.

3. Turn the adjustment knob clockwise to tighten the cable adjustment.

**Note:** Tighten the knob firmly by hand.

# Storage

Store the machine in a cool, clean, dry place.

## Preparing the Machine for Storage

1. On the last refueling of the year, add fuel stabilizer to the fuel as directed by the engine manufacturer.
2. Dispose of any unused fuel properly. Recycle it according to local codes, or use it in your automobile.

**Note:** Old fuel in the fuel tank is the leading cause of hard starting. Do not store fuel without stabilizer more than 30 days, and do not store stabilized fuel more than 90 days.

3. Run the machine until the engine shuts off from running out of fuel.
4. Start the engine again.
5. Allow the engine to run until it shuts off. When you can no longer start the engine, it is sufficiently dry.
6. Disconnect the wire from the spark plug.
7. Remove the spark plug, add 30 ml (1 fl oz) of oil through the spark plug hole, and pull the starter rope slowly several times to distribute oil throughout the cylinder to prevent cylinder corrosion during the off-season.
8. Loosely install the spark plug.
9. Tighten all nuts, bolts, and screws.

## Remove the Machine from Storage

1. Check and tighten all fasteners.
2. Remove the spark plug and spin the engine rapidly by pulling the recoil-start handle to blow the excess oil from the cylinder.
3. Install the spark plug and tighten it with a torque wrench to 20 N·m (15 ft-lb).
4. Perform any maintenance procedures; refer to [Maintenance \(page 16\)](#).
5. Check the engine-oil level; refer to [Checking the Engine-Oil Level \(page 8\)](#).
6. Fill the fuel tank with fresh gasoline; refer to [Filling the Fuel Tank \(page 8\)](#).
7. Connect the wire to the spark plug.

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## The Toro Warranty

A 2-Year Full Warranty (45 Day Limited Warranty for Commercial Use)

## The Toro GTS Starting Guarantee

A 3-Year Full Warranty (Not Applicable for Commercial Use)

20 in and 22 in  
Recycler®  
20 in Mulcher/Bagger

Walk Power Mowers  
Steel Decks

### Conditions and Products Covered

The Toro Company and its affiliate, Toro Warranty Company, pursuant to an agreement between them, jointly promise to repair the Toro Product listed below if used for residential purposes\*; if it is defective in materials or workmanship or if it stops functioning due to the failure of a component; or if the Toro GTS (Guaranteed to Start) engine will not start on the first or second pull, provided the routine maintenance required in the *Operator's Manual* have been performed.

This warranty covers the cost of parts and labor, but you must pay transportation costs.

The following time periods apply from the original date of purchase:

| Products                                          | Warranty Period                           |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 20 in and 22 in Recycler and 20 in Mulcher/Bagger | 2 - year full warranty                    |
| Attachments                                       | 2 - year full warranty                    |
| GTS (Guaranteed to Start)                         | 3 - year full warranty                    |
| Engine <sup>1</sup>                               | 3 - year full warranty                    |
| Engine <sup>1</sup> - Commercial Use              | Toro - 45 Days<br>Other engines - 90 days |
| Battery                                           | 1 - year full warranty                    |

<sup>1</sup>Some engines used on Toro Products are warranted by the engine manufacturer.

### Limited Warranty for Commercial Use\*

Gas-powered Toro Products used for commercial, institutional, or rental use, are warranted for 45 days against defects in materials or workmanship. Components failing due to normal wear are not covered by this warranty. For the engine warranty periods, see the table above.

The Toro GTS (Guaranteed to Start) Starting Guarantee does not apply when the product is used commercially\*.

### Instructions for Obtaining Warranty Service

If you think that your Toro Product contains a defect in materials or workmanship, or if a normal, able-bodied adult can no longer start your product's engine in one or two pulls, follow this procedure:

1. Contact any Authorized Toro Service Dealer to arrange service at their dealership. To locate a dealer convenient to you, access our web site at [www.Toro.com](http://www.Toro.com). You may also call the numbers listed in item #3 to use the 24-hour Toro Dealer locator system.
2. Bring the product and your proof of purchase (sales receipt) to the Service Dealer. The dealer will diagnose the problem and determine if it is covered under warranty.
3. If for any reason you are dissatisfied with the Service Dealer's analysis or with the assistance provided, contact us at:

Toro Warranty Company  
Customer Care Department, RLC Division  
8111 Lyndale Avenue South  
Bloomington, MN 55420-1196  
Toll free at 866-214-9807 (U.S. customers)  
Toll free at 866-214-9808 (Canadian customers)

### Owner Responsibilities

You must maintain your Toro Product by following the maintenance procedures described in the *Operator's Manual*. Such routine maintenance, whether performed by a dealer or by you, is at your expense.

### Countries Other than the United States or Canada

This warranty is not valid in Mexico. Customers who have purchased Toro products exported from the United States or Canada should contact their Toro Distributor (Dealer) to obtain guarantee policies for your country, province, or state. If for any reason you are dissatisfied with your Distributor's service or have difficulty obtaining guarantee information, contact the Toro importer. If all other remedies fail, you may contact us at Toro Warranty Company.

**Australian Consumer Law:** Australian customers will find details relating to the Australian Consumer Law either inside the box or at your local Toro Dealer.

\*Residential purposes means use of the product on the same lot as your home. Use at more than one location, or institutional or rental use, is considered commercial use, and the commercial use warranty would apply.

### Items and Conditions Not Covered

There is no other express warranty except for special emission system coverage and engine warranty coverage on some products. This express warranty does not cover the following:

- Cost of regular maintenance service or parts, such as filters, fuel, lubricants, oil changes, spark plugs, air filters, blade sharpening or worn blades, cable/linkage adjustments, or brake and clutch adjustments
- Any product or part which has been altered, misused, neglected, or requires replacement or repair due to accidents or lack of proper maintenance
- Pickup and delivery charges
- Repairs or attempted repairs by anyone other than an Authorized Toro Service Dealer
- Repairs necessary due to failure to follow recommended fuel procedure (consult the *Operator's Manual* for more details)
  - Removing contaminants from the fuel system is not covered
  - Use of old fuel (more than one month old) or fuel which contains more than 10% ethanol or more than 15% MTBE
  - Failure to drain the fuel system prior to any period of non-use over one month
- Repairs or adjustments to correct starting difficulties due to the following:
  - Failure to follow proper maintenance procedures or recommended fuel procedures
  - Rotary mower blade striking an object
- Special operational conditions where starting may require more than two pulls:
  - First time starts after extended period of non-use over three months or seasonal storage
  - Cool temperature starts such as those found in early spring and late autumn
  - Improper starting procedures - if you are having difficulty starting your unit, please check the *Operator's Manual* to ensure that you are using the correct starting procedures. This can save an unnecessary visit to an Authorized Toro Service Dealer.

### General Conditions

All repairs covered by these warranties must be performed by an Authorized Toro Service Dealer using Toro-approved replacement parts. Repair by an Authorized Toro Service Dealer is your sole remedy under this warranty.

**Neither The Toro Company nor Toro Warranty Company is liable for indirect, incidental, or consequential damages in connection with the use of the Toro Products covered by these warranties, including any cost or expense of providing substitute equipment or service during reasonable periods of malfunction or non-use pending completion of repairs under these warranties.**

Some states do not allow exclusions of incidental or consequential damages, so the above exclusions may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.