


IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

 **WARNING!** When using electric gardening appliances, basic safety precautions must always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and serious injury, including the following:


READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USE 1. FOR ALL DOUBLE INSULATED APPLIANCES

- a) **Replacement parts.** When servicing use only identical replacement parts.
- b) **Polarized appliance connections.**
To reduce the risk of electric shock, this appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other) and will require the use of a polarized extension cord. The appliance plug will fit into a polarized extension cord only one way. If the plug does not fit fully into the extension cord, reverse the plug. If the plug still does not fit, obtain a correct polarized extension cord. A polarized extension cord will require the use of a polarized wall outlet. This plug will fit into the polarized wall outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully into the wall outlet, reverse the plug. If the plug still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install the proper wall outlet. Do not change the equipment plug, extension cord receptacle, or extension cord plug in any way.
- c) In a double-insulated appliance, two systems of insulation are provided instead of grounding. No grounding means is provided on a double-insulated appliance, nor should a means for grounding be added to the appliance. Servicing a double-insulated appliance requires extreme care and knowledge of the system, and should be done only by qualified service personnel. Replacement parts for a double-insulated appliance must be identical to the parts they replace.

2. FOR ALL APPLIANCES

- a) Avoid dangerous environment. Don't use appliances in damp or wet locations.

- b) Don't use in rain.
- c) Keep children away. All visitors should be kept at a distance from work area.
- d) Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. They can be caught in moving parts. Use of protective gloves and substantial footwear is recommended when working outdoors. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.
- e) Use safety glasses. Always use face or dust mask if operation is dusty.
- f) Use right appliance. Do not use appliance for any job except that for which it is intended.
- g) Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) protection should be provided on the circuit(s) or outlet(s) to be used for the gardening appliance. Receptacles are available having built-in GFCI protection and may be used for an added measure of safety.

- h)  **WARNING!** To reduce the risk of electric shock, use only with an extension cord intended for outdoor use, such as an extension cord of cord type SJW-A, SJOW-A, SJTW-A, or SJTOW-A.
- i) Extension cord! Make sure your extension cord is in good condition. When using an extension cord, be sure to use one heavy enough to carry the current your product will draw. An undersized extension cord will cause a drop in line voltage resulting in loss of power and overheating. Table 1 shows the correct size to use depending on cord length and nameplate ampere rating. If in doubt, use the next heavier gage. The smaller the gage number, the heavier the cord. To reduce the risk of disconnection of appliance cord from the extension cord during operating:
 - i-1) Make a knot as shown in Figure 1
 - i-2) Use one of the plug-receptacle retaining straps or connectors described in this manual.