

## **ELECTRICAL CORD SAFETY**

- Always keep cords away from cutting blades of saws, lawn mowers and other tools.
- Replace, don't attempt to fix cords that have been cut or damaged. Any exposed strand of wire could cause a shock or burn. It's not worth it!
- Never pull out a plug by the cord.
- If a cord or plug is warm or hot to touch - unplug it immediately.
- Check wires, extension cords and appliances for signs of wearing.
- Never place electrical cords across traffic areas or under carpets. This could cause unnecessary wearing of the cord.
- Never bend or remove the ground (the third prong on a plug). It is designed to help prevent shock and may save your life.
- Don't use extension cords as permanent wiring as they are not designed for it. Using extension cords as permanent wiring indicates that your home wiring should be updated.
- Unplug and put away extension cords that are not being used. This will reduce the risk of children chewing on it or playing with it.
- Do not overload an extension cord. Recognize the signs of overheating, distortion, or discoloration and unplug the cord. Avoid overloading by first checking the cords electrical capacity.
- Never puncture insulation of electrical cords by nailing them to any surfaces.