When Storm Season Approaches, Ready Your Outdoor Power Equipment

When storm season approaches, it’s important to get your outdoor power equipment ready. Hurricanes, floods, and storms can damage property and endanger lives. The preparations you make ahead of bad weather, however, can help you recover faster and stay safer during the storm and the cleanup.

To help, the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI)—an international trade association representing power equipment, small engine, utility vehicle, golf car and personal transport vehicle manufacturers and suppliers—offers tips for home and business owners.

“Right before a storm, people can rush, and it’s easy to skip key steps in getting their outdoor power equipment ready,” said Kris Kiser, president and CEO of OPEI. “At all times of the year, keep your equipment in working order, have the right fuel on hand and know where your safety gear is. This is doubly true during storm season.”

Survey your property. Consider the damage a storm might cause and list the equipment you might need to weather the storm or make repairs afterward.

Take stock of your equipment. Make sure equipment is in good working order. It needed, take it to an authorized service center for maintenance or repair.

Find your safety gear. Avoid the scramble for sturdy shoes, safety goggles, hard hats, reflective clothing, flashlight, pump, chain saw, generator vehicle mid-slope or while on a hill. Keep the engine dry and do not use it in rainy or wet conditions. Before refueling, turn the generator off and let it cool down.

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