

Fylking Ecology

0217[®] Brand Fylking Kentucky bluegrass lawn seed and sod contribute greatly to the improvement of the surrounding environment. It's superior density crowds out weeds requiring much less chemical weed control.

Fylking's high disease resistance means less disease and little, if any, chemical treatment for turfgrass diseases.

Green chlorophyll in grass blades absorbs carbon dioxide. Oxygen is released into the air from the plants, and with Fylking's greater density and leaf blade multiplicity it is calculated a 50 foot square lawn will supply daily oxygen for four people.

Get the superior oxygen producer, 0217[®] Brand Fylking Kentucky bluegrass lawn seed or sod at your local wholesale seed or sod distributor.



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Editorial

Bucket Safety

Within the very near future, owners of vehiclemounted elevating and rotating work platforms (better known as buckets) will be under attack. The long arm of the Federal government clutching the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) is likely to swoop down and nab professional tree men for non-compliance with American National Standards Institute, Inc.

It seems that OSHA has adopted the standards of this august body which is represented by 28 nationwide firms including Asplundh Chipper Company and Mobile Aerial Towers, Inc. We feel indeed fortunate that two companies from The Green Industry comprise 7.14 percent of the total standards setting group. We can rest assured that new equipment manufactured by these firms will comply with these standards.

But what about buckets already on the job. There is a bulletin available (A92.2-1969) from American National Standards Institute, Inc., 1430 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10018, which can serve as a guide. We would suggest you get one. This brochure details at least 53 mandatory performance, design and manufacture, testing and inspection and other ratings which a new bucket must pass to get an A on an OSHA report card. All new equipment will be manufactured with these standards incorporated. However, when the OSHA inspector descends on your business your bucket may take a beating.

He may or may not ask you to define the type of equipment you own or the use you have made with it. But don't take that as nothing. The standards detail equipment covered and not covered. For example, fire fighting equipment, for some reason not known to us, is excluded from the standards. In addition, an insepctor may declare that the boom truck on which you can attach an optional bucket as a violation. Unless it is equipped with over-riding controls, instruction plates and a host of other items, the OSHA watchdog may issue a citation.

We could quote passages of the Congressional Record, OSHA regulations and other official documents as further evidence, but the specific guidelines are contained in the American National Standards Institute bulletin A92.2-1969. This bulletin expressly forbids us, you, your Congressman and the OSHA representative from quoting or reproducing in any form any portion of the publication without written permission. It is copyrighted. We are not sure why, but we believe the laws of copyright protection have worked to keep you from getting the facts.

If you are contemplating a new bucket in the future, do yourself a favor and acquire this bulletin. It could be an uplifting experience.