

# FALL

## MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

### STORE YOUR MOWER



#### TREAT THE FUEL SYSTEM

If the fuel in your tank is older than one week, drain the fuel system. If the fuel in your tank is fresh, add fuel stabilizer according to the instructions on the stabilizer container. After stabilizer is added, run the engine for at least five minutes to blend throughout the fuel system, then close the fuel valve, if equipped, and allow the engine to stop on its own. If the engine is electronic fuel injected (EFI), simply turn the ignition key to the off position.



#### DISCONNECT BATTERY

Disconnect the cables from the battery and connect a battery tender / trickle charger to the battery.



#### SHARPEN THE BLADES, CLEAN THE DECK AND CHECK BELTS

Remove the mower deck. Carefully remove the blades and sharpen according to the instructions in the operator's manual. If blades are damaged, bent or worn too far, replace them. With the blades removed, clean grass and debris from under the mower deck. Reinstall the blades and check the belts before reinstalling the deck. If belts are cracked or worn, replace them.



#### CHANGE THE OIL

Drain the engine oil and replace the oil filter, if equipped. Allow the oil to drain for a few minutes, reinstall the drain plug and tighten. Fill engine with the manufacturer's recommended oil type and volume and reinstall the oil fill cap. For details, refer to the engine manual provided with your unit at purchase.



#### LUBRICATE

Apply a thin layer of oil to pivot points. Additionally, pump grease into the grease zerks or fittings on the caster fork hubs at the front of the unit, as well as the caster wheel hubs, if applicable. Add grease until grease appears outside the bearing, then wipe away the excess grease.



#### STORE YOUR MOWER

Transport your lawn mower to a cool, dry protected area and dress with a form-fitting cover. Protective covers can be found at your local Ariens dealer or at the online parts store at [parts.ariens.com](https://parts.ariens.com).

*For details on long-term storage, refer to operator's manual as well as the engine manual for your unit.*



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