**NOTICE:**
When the level of battery charge reaches the red zone on the battery charge indicator, the blades will automatically shut off. Return immediately to recharge. Continuing to mow when the battery charge level is in the red zone can cause the mower to become stranded away from the charging area.

**NOTE:** If the mower becomes stranded away from the charger, it will be necessary to place the direction control switch in neutral (N) and push the mower back to the charging location.

**Mowing:**
- Raise the mower deck to its highest position.
- Insert start key and turn to ON position.
- Release the parking brake.
- Place direction control switch in forward (F) position and drive to desired mowing location.

**WARNING:**
Be certain you have correctly set your intended direction of travel with the direction control switch before pressing the accelerator pedal. Failure to do so could result in you driving the mower in an unintended direction, which could cause loss of control or an accident resulting in death, serious personal injury, or property damage.

- Stop the mower, turn key to OFF position, and set the parking brake.
- Lower cutting deck to desired position.
- Turn start key to ON position and release parking brake.
- Raise blade engage knob to activate blades and press accelerator pedal to mow as desired.

**WARNING:**
Use caution when crossing over gravel paths or driveways. Before crossing, disengage the blades and raise the cutting deck to the highest position to minimize the possibility of ricochet. Drive slowly to avoid loss of traction and control.

**NOTICE:**
Do not attempt to change the direction of operation while the mower is in motion. Always come to a complete stop before changing the mower direction.

**Reverse mode operation:**

**NOTICE:**
The mower will emit a constant beeping sound when operated in reverse with either the blade off or in reverse mode operation.

- Depress the brake pedal and bring the mower to a complete stop.
- Push blade engage knob down to turn blades off.
- Place direction control switch in reverse (R) position.
- Press the reverse mode button.
- Raise the blade engage knob, slowly press accelerator pedal, and reverse mow as needed.
**WARNING:**
Do not mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while backing to make sure no children, bystanders, or pets enter the mowing area. Be aware that the reverse mode operation is activated when the reverse mode button is illuminated in red and a constant beeping sound is emitted. Remember that a careless fraction of a second is sufficient to inflict death or serious injury.

**WARNING:**
Be especially careful before and when backing with the bagger kit installed, as it may limit visibility. Always look closely behind and down for small children, bystanders, and pets and move the mower slowly to prevent back over accidents that can cause death or serious personal injury.

When mowing is complete:
- Stop mower on a flat, level surface. Do not stop the mower on a slope.
- Push the blade engage knob down to turn blades off.
- Place the direction control switch in the neutral (N).
- Set the parking brake.
- Turn the start key OFF.

**WARNING:**
If the mower emits a beeping noise after you leave the seat, verify that the parking brake is set and the key has been removed. Failure to set the parking brake could cause the mower to move, and leaving the key could allow unauthorized use that could result in serious personal injury.

**NOTE:** Reverse mode operation resets each time the power switch is turned to the OFF position.

MOWING TIPS
*See Figure 12.*
- Keep mower blades sharp.
- Make sure the lawn is clear of stones, sticks, wires, toys, tree nuts, tree branches, and other objects that could damage the lawn mower blades or motor. Do not mow over property stakes or other metal posts. Such objects could damage the blade or be accidentally thrown by the mower in any direction and cause serious personal injury to the operator and others.
- For a healthy lawn, always cut off one-third or less of the total length of the grass.

- When mowing large areas, start by turning to the right so that clippings will discharge away from shrubs, fences, driveways, etc. After one or two rounds, mow in the opposite direction, making left hand turns until finished.
- Mow so that discharged clippings exit in the direction of the lawn area that has already been cut.
- When cutting heavy grass, reduce speed to allow for more effective cutting and a proper discharge of the clippings.
- Do not cut wet grass. It will stick to the underside of the deck and prevent proper bagging or mulching of grass clippings.
- New or thick grass may require a narrower cut or a higher cutting height.
- Keep the mower deck and side discharge chute clean. Remove grass clippings, leaves, dirt, and any other accumulated debris before and after each use. Do not spray with a garden hose to clean.

**NOTE:** Always stop mower, allow blades to completely stop, and remove the start key before cleaning underneath the mower.

**SLOPE OPERATION**
*See Figure 13.*

**WARNING:**
Slopes are a major factor related to tip-over and roll-over accidents that can result in severe injury or death. Operation on slopes requires extra caution. If you feel uneasy on a slope, do not mow it. For your safety, do not attempt to mow steep slopes greater than 15 degrees. Make a copy or cut out the slope guide image at the back of this manual and use to determine if your slope is too steep for safe operation.

- Mow up and down, not across the face of slopes.
- Do not mow on wet grass. Wet grass can cause the tires to lose traction or slip on slopes, even though the brakes are functioning properly.