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Yard Work Safety

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Every spring, people across the country purchase grass seed, mowers, and other lawn products to beautify their yard. Yard work enhances the environment of your home and provides a way to get fresh air and exercise. However, there are certain hazards associated with yard work that you need to consider to ensure your safety. Below are a few tips on staying safe while working in your yard.

- Avoid wearing loose clothing or jewelry that could be caught in moving parts of lawn equipment, such as a lawn mower.
- Wear slip-resistant shoes, especially if your yard is hilly.
- Eye and hearing protection may be needed at times, depending on what chore you are tackling.
- Gloves should be worn when pulling weeds or using equipment, to avoid burns.
- It is best to pick up any objects in the yard, such as sticks, glass, rocks, or metal that could become a projectile, if caught inside motorized lawn equipment.
- You should also make sure electrical tools, such as trimmers, are unplugged before making any adjustments.
- All equipment should function properly and all electrical cords should be in good condition. Any cords that are frayed should be replaced before use.
- It is important to watch for small children and keep them away from moving equipment. Never allow small children to operate any power equipment.
- You should not overexert yourself while doing yard work, especially on hot days. Stay hydrated during extremely warm weather to avoid heat exhaustion or heat stroke.
- NEVER reach or grab into lawn equipment, while in use, to remove debris.

Officer Kudos



One of our favorite things to put into our newsletter is all the good reports we receive on Lofton employees. Below are just a few shout-outs to our officers who go above and beyond.

Officer Mike Muse, Little Rock, was commended twice in just over a week's time and was praised by our client for his servant attitude. A truck driver, making delivery to the client location, wanted to recognize Mike for his willingness to stand out in the rain while helping to maintain a safe lookout and environment while the driver dealt with a mechanical issue. The second call was from a manager with a contractor working on the client property, just wanting to acknowledge Mike's professionalism and positive attitude. The caller stated his own attitude improved thanks to Mike. This is what we call Excellent Customer Service! Great job, Mike!

Shout-out to **Officers Justin Hogan & Ron Duhon**, Baton Rouge. In February, Justin and Ron had just come off duty when they noticed three individuals inside the secured stadium. Justin and Ron worked together to locate and escort the individuals outside the gates to Police Officers who took them into custody. Great team work! Not only did you coordinate with each other, but also with the local PD to ensure a smooth transition. This was definitely above and beyond!

Thank You!

Lofton Staffing Services would like to salute all our amazing administrative assignment employees who positively contribute to not only Lofton's success, but to our clients as well. *"No one is more cherished in the world than someone who lightens the burden of another."*



Administrative Professionals Week celebrates administrative professionals' devoted, essential, and valued work. There are more than 22 million administrative and office support professionals working in the United States.

What's Happening This Month

April 1
April Fools' Day

April 14
Good Friday

Lofton offices will be closed on Friday, April 14th in observance of Good Friday.

April 16
Easter

HAPPY EASTER
EVERY BUNNY!



April 22
Earth Day

April 26
Administrative Professionals' Day



Administrative Professional's Day



It's a Great Day to Be Working By: Glenda G. Lofton, Ph.D.

When I was in the ninth grade at Baton Rouge High, much to the dismay of most of my classmates, my English teacher, Mrs. Clark, had us memorize poetry. One that we all could particularly identify with, as we sat gazing out of the window on a beautiful spring day, was a poem by the English poet, Richard Gallienne (1866-1947), "I Meant to Do My Work Today." "I meant to do my work today," the poet writes, "but a brown bird sang in the apple tree, and a butterfly flitted across the fields, and all the trees were calling me. And the wind went sighing over the land, tossing the grasses to and fro, and a rainbow held out its shining hand...So what could I do but laugh and go?"

Most of us can identify with the feelings of the poet as we once again experience springtime in Louisiana with its bright green lawns and beautiful blooming azaleas—that desire to just get away from it all, to relax, and enjoy...Therefore, I was unprepared for the response of a FedEx delivery man a few years ago who arrived at my door bearing a heavy package. Although it was spring time and beautiful, like most days in Louisiana, it was quite warm, and the perspiration showed on his face. "I can't believe it's so warm," I noted, "but isn't it a beautiful day?" "Yes," he responded with a big smile, and a voice filled with sincerity, "It's a great day to be working!" As the truck drove away then, and even now as I look out my window, the words still echo in my mind and make me happy. I knew it would make Tommy happy, too, because this man had definitely "learned to love Mondays" and "was not wishing his life away wishing for Fridays!"

Tommy and I both were blessed to grow up in homes that modeled his belief that "work is more natural than play." At 85 (and beyond)

mom's young neighbor called her the "workingest lady I know" as she mowed, pruned, weeded, and used the new lawnmower that Tommy bought her for Christmas that year. Apparently she caught the attention of others because on February



"It's a great day to be working!"

27 of that year, the Morning Advocate carried a large color photograph of her weeding her flower beds. When Tommy's dad died unexpectedly at 52, Tommy, his mom, and an invalid sister, had to move into a low-rent housing project. Tommy said his mom cleaned not only their place but also for a mile around it. When she moved in with us years later, Ron Spillman, our next-door neighbor, former Baton Rouge Fire Chief, and now part of the Lofton Staffing family, recalls, "In her 90's, Miss Addie came over with a sledge hammer and a chisel to help me cut up a fallen tree, and many days I kept on working just because I hated for her to out-work me!"

As I reflect on their work ethic, I am amazed at many I encounter today that don't seem to share those sentiments: a waitress who when

asked told her customer that she would rather be at home (I think the customer knew before she asked); a tired looking older lady who when I asked if something was wrong, reluctantly said she was working overtime because several of the younger workers "just don't show up", and then sadly added, "What's happening to our young people?"; a clerk who took her scheduled break, despite the fact that there was a long waiting line and only one other clerk working; I could not resist saying, "My niece just returned from a medical mission trip to another country where many old ladies waited in line twelve hours just to get a small box of aspirins. Are you really having such a bad day?"

How easy it is to focus on the negatives instead of the positives and to miss the joy in working and encouraging others. Sometimes just a smile or a simple comment, "It's a great day to be working!" can make a difference.

How thankful Tommy and I are for parents, teachers, and co-workers who modeled for us the Biblical principle, "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men (Col 3:23), who realized that "the highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it (Ruskin)." Equally important, they taught us that hard work must be balanced with other priorities in life—our relationship with God and family and taking time for rest and renewal. Sometimes it is important as the poet wrote "when the trees are calling... and the rainbow holds out its shining hand" to "laugh and go." Just be sure you're not a "no-show" on the job when you do!

Google Helps You Find Lost Socks



Google has teamed up with Australian retailers to launch a range of Bluetooth-enabled Searchable socks, complete with an app to locate them. You'll never lose or end up with odd socks again.

"We're teaming up with retailers across Australia to launch a new range of Searchable Socks — to organize the world's undergarments and make them universally findable," Google explained in a statement. "These new bluetooth-enabled socks are fitted with thin LTE beacons that wrap around the top of your lower calf, just like the colored stripes you'd see on traditional socks. If you can't find one sock, you can press the beacon on its pair and let the Google Search app on your phone pinpoint its whereabouts."

For the fashion-conscious, the socks are available in blue, red, yellow, and green. You can also purchase a pure white version from the Google Store that allows the beacon strip to camouflage with the rest of the sock.

And if you believe that...you'll be interested in the eHarmony dating site for dogs, the Samsung rubber phone, Uber's baby delivery to your office, and Sony's new real-life Proton Pack, because you've been April Fooled!