

## **Landscape and Nursery Career Development Event Problem Solving Event # 6 ZTR Mower Operation**

You have been asked by your supervisor to demonstrate your understanding and proficient operation of a ZTR mower. Please complete a pre-operation inspection and operate the mower through a designed course. The course will simulate job conditions that could include inspection of the work area, identification of potential hazards, and operation of the mower in close proximity to sidewalks, curbs, flower beds and other objects.

**Study Reference:** Equipment Safety and Maintenance in the Landscape Training Manual for Installation Technicians (Chapter 9) and PLANET's *ZRT Riding Mower Resource Guide and DVD*.

**Procedure:**

1. Complete a pre operation check of the mower.
2. Start Engine at half throttle to allow the machine to warm up.
3. Drive the mower through the obstacle course 2 times as instructed by the judge.
4. Demonstrate changing mower heights.
5. Demonstrate the ability of stripe a lawn.
6. Park the mower safely in area as directed by the judge.