

# Pre-Operating Section

## 2.3 PREPARATION FOR OPERATION

### CAUTION

Before your leaf vacuum is put into operation it is very important to read and follow the procedures outlined in the engine owner's manual. (EOM).

For specific information regarding the following checks please refer to the "Maintenance" section of this manual and the engine owner's manual.

### WARNING

Shut off the engine and remove the lead spark plug wires before performing the following checks.

### WARNING

NEVER place any part of the body under or behind guards or any other area in which you cannot see.

### IMPORTANT CHECKS:

**NOTE:** The following checks contained in the next three sections should be performed prior to leaving the storage area.

1. Check engine fuel, coolant and oil levels. (see EOM)
2. Check engine air filter
3. Check all bolts and nuts to ensure they are tight.
4. Check all controls for free and proper operation.
5. Check main drive belt (if equipped) for proper adjustment.
6. Inspect the fan blades to ensure that they are not bent, deformed, fatigued or cracked.
7. Inspect the intake hose flange to make sure it is connected correctly to the blower housing.
8. Inspect the leaf vacuum frame and structure for any bent, broken, cracked, missing or loose parts.
9. Check all guards to ensure they are undamaged, in place and properly secured.
10. All decals must be in place and legible prior to operating the leaf vacuum. See the decal section for decal replacement.