

CHECK YOUR WORK AREA

For your safety and the safety of others, always inspect the area before operating the snowblower.

Objects

Anything that can be picked up by the augers and thrown is a potential hazard to you and others. Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and remove all doormats, sleds, boards, wires, stones, and nails from the work area.

People and Pets

People and animals near the work area can move into your snowblower's path or into a position where they could be struck by thrown objects. Clear the area of people, especially children, and pets. Their safety is your responsibility.

Work Area

Check the condition of the snow. Adjust your snowblower ground speed (not engine speed) and snowblowing swath accordingly.

Check the skid shoes for proper adjustment. Adjust the skid shoes to obtain the auger ground clearance for the type of surface the snowblower will be operated over (see page 49).

OPERATION

SNOWBLOWING PRECAUTIONS

Before operating the snowblower for the first time, please review both the *SNOWBLOWER SAFETY* chapter (see page 5) and the *BEFORE OPERATION* chapter (see page 18).

Even if you have operated other snowblowers, take time to become familiar with how this snowblower works, and practice in a safe area until you build up your skills.

Never tamper with or alter any of the controls or safety devices on the snowblower.

For your safety, do not start or operate the engine in an enclosed area such as a garage. Your snowblower's exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas that can collect rapidly in an enclosed area and cause illness or death.

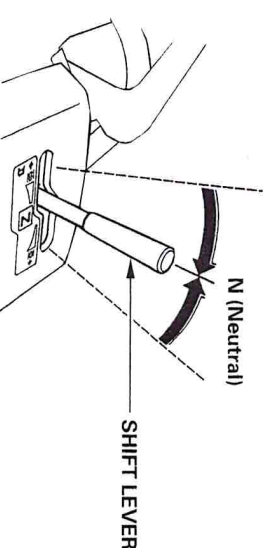
⚠ WARNING

Exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas that can build up to dangerous levels in closed areas. Breathing carbon monoxide can cause unconsciousness or death.

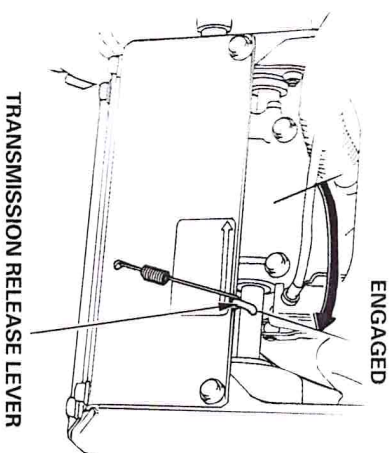
Never run the engine in a closed, or even partly closed area where people may be present.

STARTING THE ENGINE

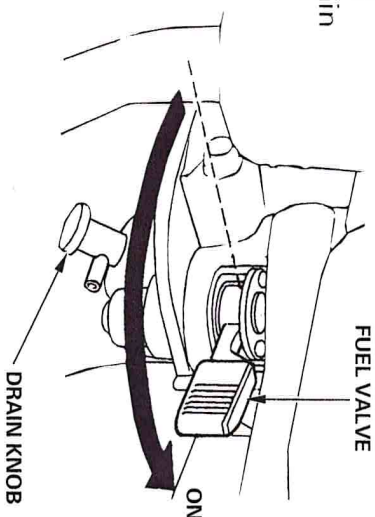
1. Move the shift lever to "N" (Neutral) position.



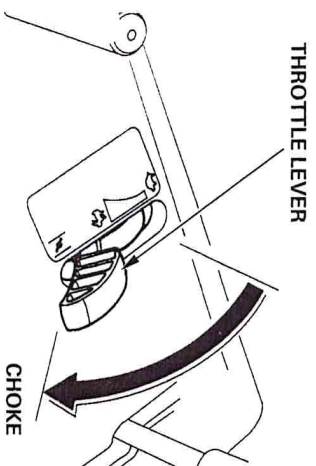
4. Set the transmission release lever in the ENGAGED position (see page 16).



5. Turn the fuel valve to the ON position. Be sure that the drain knob is tightened securely.

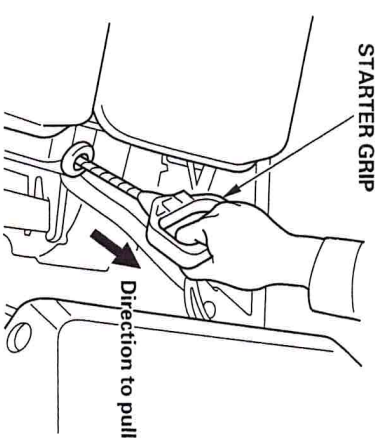


6. In cold weather and when the engine is cold, follow the procedures below.
Move the throttle lever to the CHOKE position.



5. Start the engine.

- a. Turn the engine switch to the ON position.
- b. Pull the starter grip lightly until you feel resistance, then pull briskly in the direction of the arrow as shown.
- c. Return the starter grip gently to the engine.

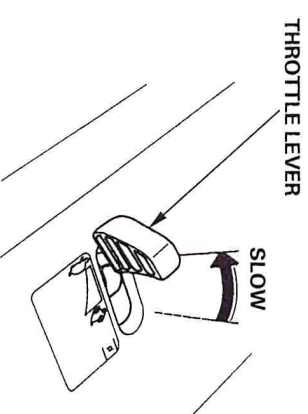


NOTICE

- Do not allow the starter grip to snap back against the engine. Return it gently to prevent damage to the starter.
- Do not pull the starter grip while the engine is running. The starter could be damaged.

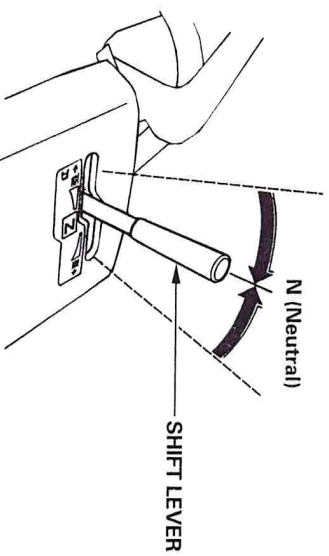
6. Let the engine warm up for several minutes.

If the throttle lever has been moved to the CHOKE position, gradually move the throttle lever to the SLOW position as the engine warms up.

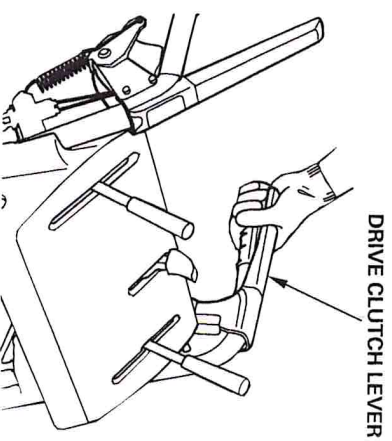


7. While warming the engine up, also warm the transmission as follows:

a. Check that the shift lever is in the "N" (Neutral) position.

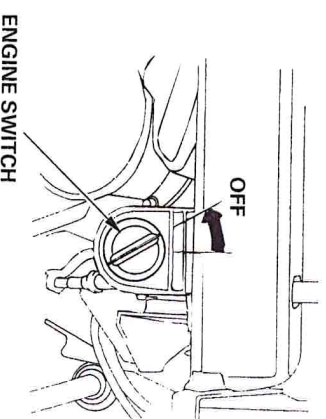


b. Squeeze the drive clutch lever for about 30 seconds to warm up the transmission fluid.

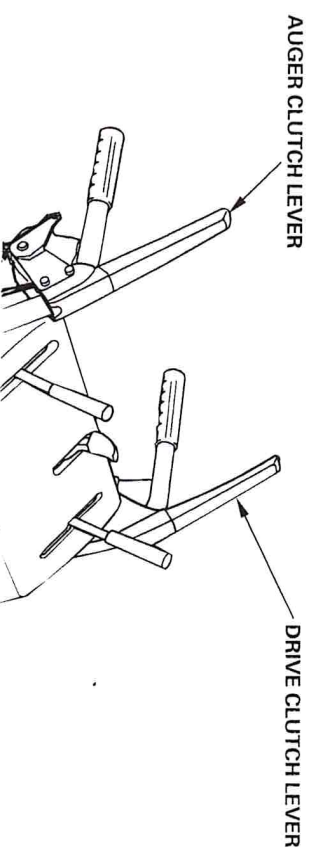


STOPPING THE ENGINE

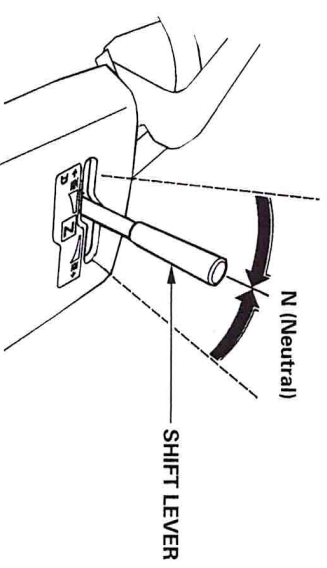
To stop the engine in an emergency, simply turn the engine switch to the OFF position. Under normal conditions, use the following procedure.



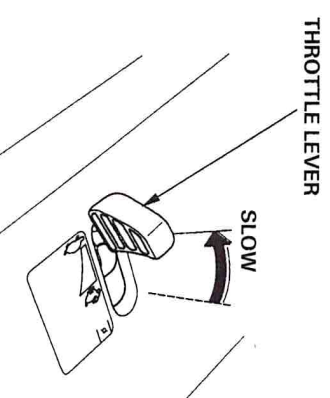
1. Release the auger and drive clutch levers. The drive and snow blowing mechanism will stop operation.



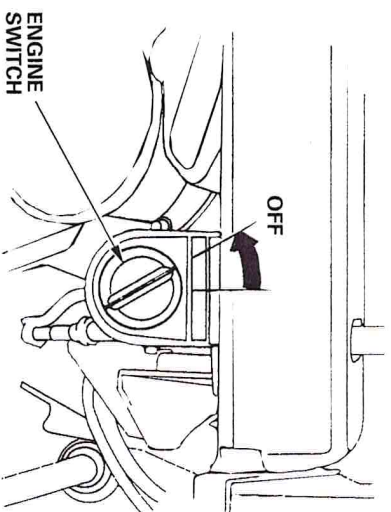
2. Move the shift lever to "N" (Neutral) position.



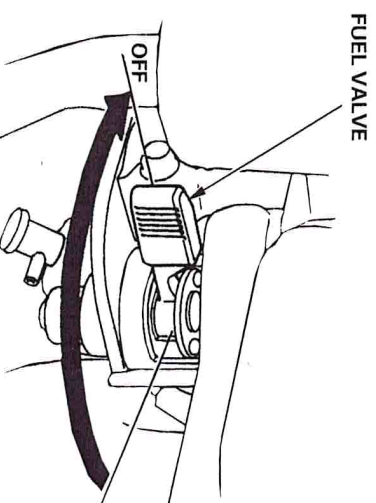
3. Turn the throttle lever to the SLOW position.



4. Turn the engine switch to the OFF position.



5. Turn the fuel valve to the OFF position.



CLEARING SNOW

1. Move the throttle lever to the FAST position for normal operation.

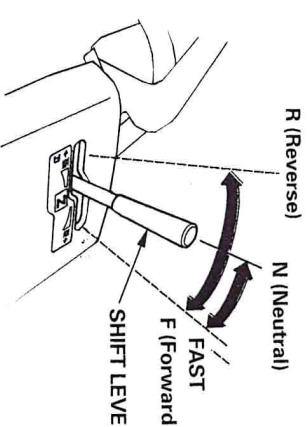
2. Release the auger clutch lever, and move the shift lever to select the desired drive speed.

Low speed is recommended for removing deep or hard-packed snow.

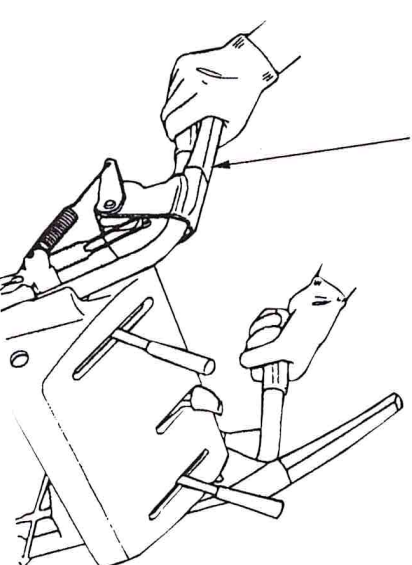
3. Set the foot pedal to the correct position (see page 14, track type only).

4. Adjust the throwing direction by using the chute crank and the discharge deflector lever (see pages 12 and 14).

5. Squeeze the auger clutch lever. The machine will clear snow when you squeeze the auger clutch lever.

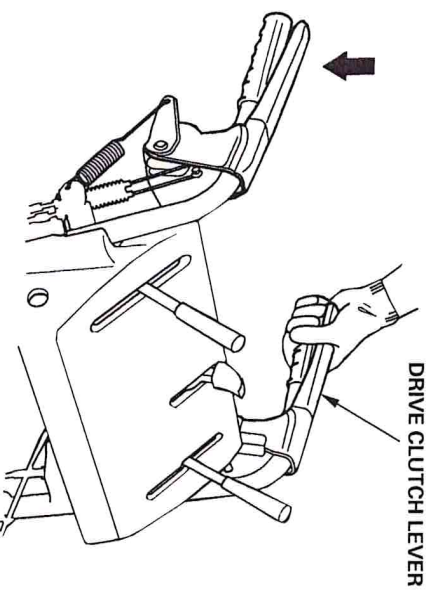


AUGER CLUTCH LEVER



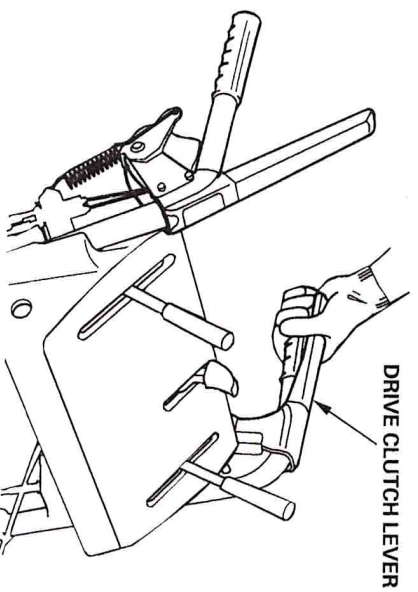
6. Squeeze the drive clutch lever to self-propel the snowblower.

If the transmission release lever (see page 22) is in the ENGAGED position, and the shift lever (see page 27) is in the FORWARD (F) position, the hydrostatic drive will propel the snowblower forward when you squeeze the drive clutch lever.



When both levers are squeezed, the drive clutch lever locks the auger clutch lever down. This frees your right hand to operate the other snowblower controls. Releasing the drive clutch lever unlocks and releases the auger clutch lever.

To move from one place to another, or to change direction, use the drive clutch lever only. Release both the drive clutch lever and auger clutch lever, and then squeeze the drive clutch lever.



7. Release the clutch levers to stop clearing or moving.

