Machinery & Equipment | CHECKLIST

Backhoe & Excavator Safety Checklist

A safety checklist for backhoe and excavator work on the farm, covering the machine, the jobsite, buried utilities, and operator habits.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

ITEM	OK	FIX	N/A
Walkaround for leaks and damage	☐	☐	☐
Seat belt and ROPS are intact	☐	☐	☐
Bucket, pins, and hoses checked	☐	☐	☐
Lights, horn, and backup alarm work	☐	☐	☐
Call before you dig for buried lines	☐	☐	☐
Overhead lines identified	☐	☐	☐
Slopes and trench edges reviewed	☐	☐	☐
Spotters and bystanders kept clear	☐	☐	☐
Machine parked and lowered when done	☐	☐	☐

NOTES / REPAIRS NEEDED

TIP Always call your state utility locating service before you dig, and keep bystanders well outside the swing area.