General Information
What is a pre operation checklist and why is it important? A pre operation checklist does not end when the machine is started.

Prior to startup
• Have you been properly trained on this piece of equipment?
• Have you checked the fluid levels (engine oil, hydraulic oil, coolant) and tires (use a daily checklist if available)?
• Are there fluids or puddles under the equipment?
• Are any safety shields damaged or missing?
• Are warning signs (including slow moving vehicle triangle) in place?
• Is there any damage to the equipment?
• When was the last time the equipment was serviced?
  • Does preventative maintenance need to be done?

After startup
• Are there any warning lights?
• Are the gauges within normal operating ranges?
• Are there any new leaks or unusual sounds coming from the equipment?
• Are safety lights/alarms working properly?
• Are the brakes and steering working properly?

What is the point?
• A pre operation checklist ensures equipment is safe.
• Can prevent costly repairs.
• Ensures equipment is maintained and serviced regularly.