

SAFE JOB PROCEDURE

Job Description: Chain Saws

Hazards Present: Fuel Spill, Fire Hazard, Eye Injuries, Cuts, Amputation, Strains & Sprains

PPE Required: Safety Glasses, Full Face Shield, Hearing Protection, Safety Footwear, Gloves.

Note: Operators of equipment must be trained and deemed competent, must demonstrate operational competency and/or have received approval from their immediate supervisor. Operators must wear the proper PPE as required and be familiar with the location of the use of a fire extinguisher.

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1. Conduct a pre-starting inspection of equipment and work area;

- ✓ Make sure work area is free of debris and clutter.
- ✓ Make sure all guards and safety shields are in place.
- ✓ Inspect saw and chain for signs of excessive wear or damage.
- ✓ Repair or replace any damaged parts.

2. Fueling the Saw;

- ✓ Follow manufactures directions for oil gas mixture.
- ✓ Mix fuel in a well-ventilated area, keep a fire extinguisher near by.
- ✓ Do not refuel a running or hot saw.
- ✓ Store fuel in a CSA approved safety container.

3. Starting the Saw;

- ✓ Inspect the saw before starting, do not use a saw with damaged, loose, or missing parts.
- ✓ Ensure that the guide bar is tight and chain fits snugly without binding.
- ✓ Hold the saw firmly on the ground. Point the chain away from your body and nearby obstructions. Use a quick sharp motion on the starter cord.
- ✓ Warm up the engine prior to cutting. The saw should idle without the chain turning. If the chain continues to turn after the throttle switch is released, stop the saw. Then adjust the idle as shown in the owners manual.
- ✓ Do not drop start the saw
- ✓ Do not make adjustments to chain or guide bar when saw is running.

4. Cutting;

- ✓ Plan each job before you start.
- ✓ Know the location of the person working with you at all times
- ✓ Use the correct saw. The weight, power, and bar length should all be suitable for the job.
- ✓ Operate the chain saw in a firm two-handed grip, with both feet firmly positioned when operating the saw.
- ✓ Maintain full power throughout each cut.
- ✓ Do not stand directly behind saw.
- ✓ Do not leave a saw running unattended.
- ✓ Do not carry chain saw with it running.
- ✓ Carry a chain saw with bar to rear.

5. Chain Saw Handling, Storage, & Transportation;

- ✓ Let saw cool before transporting
- ✓ Use a scabbard or bar guard when transporting saw.
- ✓ Secure the saw during transportation to prevent movement.
- ✓ Do not transport the chain saw in the passenger compartment of a vehicle.

6. Conduct a post operational inspection;

- ✓ Inspect saw and chain for signs of excessive wear or damage.