

Chainsaw & Woodcutting Safety for Farm Cleanups

Key Safety Points:

- **Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Always wear appropriate PPE when using a chainsaw, including a helmet with face shield, gloves, steel-toed boots, and chaps or pants designed to resist chainsaw cuts.
- **Inspect the Chainsaw:** Before use, inspect the chainsaw for any issues, such as loose parts, dull chains, or malfunctioning safety features. Ensure the fuel is fresh and the chain tension is correct.
- **Proper Handling:** Hold the chainsaw firmly with both hands and keep your body positioned at a safe distance from the cutting area. Always cut with the saw's teeth moving away from you to avoid kickback.
- **Work Area Safety:** Keep the work area clear of debris and other obstacles. Always make sure no one is within a 10-foot radius of your work area.
- **Safe Cutting Technique:** When cutting, always ensure your feet are firmly planted and maintain balance. Avoid cutting above shoulder height to reduce strain and risk of injury.
- **Avoid Working Alone:** If possible, work with a partner who can assist in case of an accident. If working alone, ensure someone knows your location and is aware of your work schedule.
- **Take Breaks:** Chainsaw work can be physically demanding. Take frequent breaks to rest your hands, arms, and back to avoid fatigue-related accidents.