

## Cutting - Monthly Safety Inspection Checklist (Draft 1/23/2023)

Name of the person conducting the inspection: \_\_\_\_\_

Jobsite Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cutter name(s):

1	3
2	4

Inspection	Comments
	<i>If no, list cutter's number and corrective action required</i>

First Aid/Emergency Planning (1)	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
1. Jobsite first aid supplies (first aid kit, stretcher, blanket, splint)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Written jobsite Emergency Medical Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Start-up safety meetings documented	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Monthly safety meetings documented	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Valid first aid card	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Cutter's first aid supplies in near proximity (2 trauma bandages or equivalent)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Are vehicles equipped with a fire extinguisher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (2)	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
8. Hard hat (hi-vis & no damage) meets ANSI Z89.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Hearing protection (muffs or earplugs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Eye protection (screen, safety glasses or goggles ) meets ANSI Z87.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Whistle (carried on the person and works)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. Gloves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13. Leg protection (covers to the top of the boot & no damage to the cut protection material ASTM F1897 requirements)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14. Caulk boots (sharp caulks, provides ankle support and in good condition)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
15. Two-way radio (carried on the person & works)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Chainsaw and hand tools (3)	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
16. Wedges in near proximity (minimum of 2 wedges & in good condition)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17. Axe in near proximity (sharp, handle tight and in good condition)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
18. Saw gas in approved container	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
19. Saw chain brake and trigger lock working properly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
20. Saw is in good condition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Arrangement of Work Area (4)	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
21. Must be at least 3 cutters working at the site to facilitate emergency response (less than 3 would be acceptable if arrangements have been made with another onsite company and radio communication is monitored constantly or each cutter carries a cell phone and they have the capability to call for assistance without leaving the injured or ill cutter)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
22. Road blocked or flagger(s) used if tree(s) can reach the road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
23. At least 2 tree lengths between work areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Work Practices (5)	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
24. Man check. Visual or audible/radio contact at least every 30 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
25. Is the chainsaw started in a manner that is acceptable? (On the ground, log or where otherwise firmly supported. Drop starting a chain saw is prohibited)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
26. During operation, saw is gripped with the cutter's thumb under the handlebar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
27. Area around the tree is assessed for hazards (danger trees, widow makers, loose objects)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
28. Work area around the tree is brushed out	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
29. Escape path is established that will allow the cutter to move at least 10 feet from the stump	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Work Practices (5)continued	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
30. Tree is assessed for lean, overhead hazards and defects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
31. Proper undercut is completed (cuts meet/no kerf dutchman, horizontal cut is level, depth of 1/4 to about 1/3 the tree diameter, cleaned out, face opening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
32. Undercut is used on trees over 6 inches DBH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
33. Back cut is placed above the horizontal face cut	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
34. Hinge. Corners are maintained, adequate width across the stump	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
35. Escape path is used once the tree is committed to fall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
36. Cutter should move at least 10 feet from the stump and look up and watch for falling limbs, tops, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
37. Domino falling is avoided (setting up multiple trees)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
38. Demonstrates directional control (uses proper wedging technique and hinge width)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
39. Avoids unnecessary brushing of timber	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
40. Follows proper procedures for pushing a tree that is limb tied or to overcome another falling difficulty (brush out around both trees, establish an escape path from the pusher tree, cut-up the first tree and drive in a wedge(s) while cutting the 'pusher tree', don't turn your back on the cut-up tree)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
41. Danger trees felled progressively with standing timber	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
42. Danger trees felled in the direction of lean and into open areas whenever possible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bucking (6)	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
43. Recheck the canopy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
44. Lay of the tree is sized up before limbing/bucking (looks for bind, pivot points and potential log movement)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
45. Limbs cut flush to log	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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46. Establishes an escape path before starting a bucking cut

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Additional Comments:

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Signature of person completing the inspection:

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