

WEEKLY TAILGATE: TREE REMOVAL, PRUNING AND TRIMMING

Week of

CORPORATE MESSAGE

TREE REMOVAL, PRUNING AND TRIMMING



<u>Check the immediate area</u> in and around the tree <u>for hazards</u> such as electric wires, tree rot and other such hazards.



When climbing, **proper rigging** practices must be followed at all times.



Be sure that **proper pruning cuts and notches** are used that enable the operator to safely cut and have freedom of movement to an escape path.



<u>Positive control</u> of limbs being cut must be maintained. Establish communications between those aloft and those on the ground before actual trimming or cutting begins.



During tree felling, non-involved but qualified workers must **be back at least two tree lengths** when felling. A **planned escape path** for those within Drop zone must be established. Workers should maintain visual contact with the tree being felled until it's on the ground and the operator has announced "All Safe or All Clear."

SAFETY VIDEOS

English: vimeo.com/townsendcorp/3te

Spanish: vimeo.com/townsendcorp/3ts



GOALS REGIONAL/LOCAL OPERATIONS

Last Week

This Week

IMPORTANT REMINDER

DAILY SAFETY NUGGETS

MONDAY

What shall always be engaged when starting a chainsaw? The chain brake.

TUESDAY

How many points of attachment are required when climbing and using a chainsaw in a tree? Two

WEDNESDAY

TRUE/FALSE... It is permissible to tie into the same crotch you are rigging from if it is your only choice. FALSE! Arborists climbing lines and work lines shall never be secured to the same crotch.

THURSDAY

What method can be used to avoid tearing of bark and splitting of limbs? The 3-cut method is used to avoid tearing of bark and splitting of limbs.

FRIDAY

TRUE/FALSE... It is permissible to raise and lower tools on the arborist's climbing line. TRUE! Arborist's climbing lines or hand-lines should be used for raising and lowering hand tools and equipment. Arborists should raise or lower hand tools and equipment in a manner such that the cutting edge will not contact the arborist's climbing line or hand line.

SATURDAY

What shall be established between arborists working aloft and ground personnel? Communication shall be established between arborists working aloft and ground personnel. Command & Response is always required when someone is working aloft.

DRIVE SAFETY TIP

Plan Your Trip Ahead

Plan your trips ahead of time. Decide what time to leave and which roads to take. Try to avoid heavy traffic, poor weather, and high-speed areas. Avoid adjusting navigational devices, or in cab controls while driving.



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Weekly Tailgate Sign-in

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