

Chainsaw Safety

REGISTRATION FORM

Space is limited to 30 people. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Fees include all course materials. The cost is \$20 per person. **Bring your saw.** Please return this form with \$20 registration fee (*check made payable to WSU Extension—Forestry*) to:

WSU Chelan County Extension
c/o Forest Stewardship
400 Washington Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801

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Hands-on CHAINSAW SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE Workshop

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION



Friday, February 27, 2009

8:30 am–12:30 pm

Leavenworth Fire Station
228 Chumstick, Leavenworth

A Forest Stewardship Event sponsored by:

- Washington State University Extension
- Washington Farm Forestry Association
- Stihl Northwest



Safety First!

A Hands-On Workshop to help you learn to maintain and operate your chainsaw safely.

Chainsaws have become an everyday tool for a wide variety of individuals. Once the tool of the professional logger, today more than 25 makes of saws are available in a wide variety of sizes and configurations. Homeowners use them to cut firewood and to do general tree trimming around their homes. Family forest owners and farmers find them useful for such jobs as clearing land, thinning trees, and cutting firewood. Contractors and landscapers use them for cutting large timbers, crossties, and landscaping ties as well as land clearing.

This course will help you stay safe!



CHAINSAW SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

In the hands of a careless, inexperienced or tired operator, the chainsaw can be very hazardous. Logging injuries are the number one occupational hazard in the U.S., and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimated that more than 44,000 people required hospital treatment for chainsaw-related injuries. Most accidents were caused when the operator came in contact with a moving chain. Injuries from a chain are usually serious because of the jagged cut it leaves. This workshop can help you avoid serious injury.

In this course, you will learn:

- Basic Chainsaw Operation Safety
- Safety Gear and Equipment
- How to Maintain Your Saw

BRING YOUR SAW! This is a hands-on workshop.

The course will be led by an expert safety educator from Stihl Northwest of Chehalis.

Course topics include

- How to Properly Sharpen Your Chain
- Maximizing Power and Air Flow
- Vibration and Fatigue
- Safety Equipment
- Complete Your Tool Kit
- Understanding Fuel
- Starting the Engine
- Preparing to Cut
- Understanding Terminology like “Widowmaker”



Have you ever had a kick-back?

The risks of operating chainsaws are obvious. What is less obvious is the fact that there are over a hundred causes of chainsaw injuries and deaths. By far the most common cause of chainsaw accidents is “kickback.” Kickback occurs when the cutting teeth on the chain or the chain itself catches or binds in the cut. Because the chain is moving at very high speeds, if the chain or teeth strike a hard substance, or get pinched in the cut, the whole saw will move with great force. Controlling the saw becomes impossible, very often striking the operator and resulting in serious injuries, or death. Most saws in service today have safety features such as chain brakes, safety chains, and deadman switches. However, these improvements on their own are not enough to ensure the safety of the operator. This workshop can help you become a safer operator.