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PPE Required: Steel-toe boots, forestry screen, safety glasses, hardhat, gloves, hearing protection, chain saw chaps or long sleeve shirt and pants

Warning: Do not wear loose clothing or rolled up sleeves
Remove all jewelry
Disconnect the power before repairing or servicing
Ensure all workers are properly trained on the safe use and handling of chain saws and safe chainsaw practices

Steps:

1. Read and understand equipment manual before operating chain saw.
2. Ensure manufacturer instructions are followed for proper use and handling.
3. All gas chain saws must be used in properly ventilated areas
4. Saw must be off and cool to refuel.
5. Ensure chain is sharp and free of defects.
6. Ensure proper chain tension is maintained.
7. Ensure proper chain lubrication is maintained during cutting
8. Carry fuel in approved containers only with label on.
9. Do not cut above shoulder height

Chain Saw Bar Maintenance

1. Ensure appropriate bar is used.
2. Inspect for bolt tightness, cracks and defects.
3. When tightening nuts on bar, always hold bar nose up.
4. Clean bar groove and oil holes.
5. Ensure bar is receiving oil.

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6. Grease roller/sprocket nose.
7. Remove any burred edges on bar.
8. Check bar straightness.
9. Check for pinched or uneven bar groove. Reverse bar for even wear.