Chainsaw Safety Tips

Using a chainsaw can be very dangerous and it is your responsibility to read and follow the operator’s manual. The following information is a collection of material to assist you with operating your chainsaw and it is not a complete list of everything that you need to follow to safely operate a chainsaw.

Some of the important steps to follow are:

1. Never work alone
2. Develop a work plan and follow it.
3. Use a properly maintained saw and keep the chain sharp.
4. Wear all of your personal protective equipment (PPE’s) a hard hat with ear and eye protection & face screen, long pants, chainsaw safety chaps that extend from the waist to the top of the boot, and steel toe boots. All PPE’s for every cut every time.
5. When preparing to cut a tree remember the five fingers to success: Hazards, Lean in 2 directions, Escape, Hinge size and your Plan.

Plan to have a safe cutting experience and do not cut beyond your ability. Hire a professional Arborist to cut the dangerous trees. Start safe, work safe, and you will go home safe.
How to Purchase a New Chain

Chain pitch is the distance between any three consecutive rivets, divided by two Chain pitches are .325" .375" (or 3/8") .404"

Chain gauge
Chain gauge is the drive link's thickness where it fits into the guide-bar groove Oregon chain gauges of .050" .058" .063"

File size for most chains
.325 Pitch Chain 3/16 File
.375 (3/8) Chain 7/32 File