

Woodchippers

Wood chippers are powerful pieces of equipment and if they are not used correctly they have the potential to cause injury, this makes having training essential.

Our woodchipper training course will provide you with the appropriate techniques and safety guidelines to ensure that you are not only confident when using the woodchipper but that you are also aware of relevant health and safety guidelines making sure you stay protected.

Once you have successfully carried out this course you will receive a certificate of training in woodchippers.

Who is the Course For?

This course will suit you if you work in the arboriculture, forestry, horticulture, landscaping or grounds maintenance industries, and you operate or will be required to operate a woodchipper.

Our course might take you longer than the one day if you are inexperienced, and therefore require more time to fully understand all of the course information.

Alternatively our refresher course is for anyone with experience of using a woodchipper and will provide you with the opportunity to practice and update your skills, and gain certification.

Duration/Format

One day

Instructor/Trainee Ratio

Max: 1:4

Course Objectives

To enable course members to:

- Produce a site-specific risk assessment for wood chipping operations.
- State the principles of HSE legislation and safety guidelines for using a woodchipper.
- Select the appropriate PPE and state the maintenance requirements.
- Carry out operator checks and identify the safety features of a woodchipper.
- Carry out routine operator maintenance.
- Inspect and identify defects on the blades.
- Prepare machine prior to operation, start the machine, carry out safety checks and stop machine.
- Prepare a work area and a range of materials for chipping and identify hazardous materials not to be chipped.
- Use approved techniques to chip woody brush and both short and long sections of timber safely and effectively.
- State the procedure for removing blockages.
- State the safety and environmental factors associated with the disposal of woodchips and the various end uses of woodchips.
- Prepare machine for transport and storage..

Course Content

- Risk assessment and emergency procedures
- Health and safety guidelines and legislation
- Personal protective equipment

- Pre-use checks and machine features
- Routine checks and maintenance
- Cutting mechanism
- Start the machine and carry out safety checks
- Prepare work area and range of materials and identify hazardous materials not to be chipped
- Operation of woodchipper
- Unblocking chipper
- End-uses of woodchips and hazards from woodchips
- Cleaning, transport and storage

Certification:

The course can be run as integrated training and assessment registered with Lantra Awards. Successful candidates will be awarded a Lantra Certificate of Competence.

Facilities/Equipment Required

Venue

Dry, clean workshop with light and heating (if necessary).
Suitable site for practical operation including material to be chipped

Trainee

Woodchippers complying with safety regulations as per AFAG Safety Guide 604.
Operators' instruction books and service manuals for all machinery.
Notebook and pencil.
Safety helmet.
Ear defenders.
Visor or safety goggles.
Gloves with close fitting cuffs.
Safety boots.
Hi-viz clothing.
Fuel in appropriate container for own machine.
Tool kit for own machine