

NH DNCR Sawyer Evaluation Form

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Division: TREES

Park/Forest: Adirondack

Previous Certification: none

Where/When:

Basic

1. Safety

- a. Hardhat eye, ear protection
- b. Safety Boots
- c. Chaps
- d. Communication (Radio, phone 911 location)
- e. First Aid

2. Chainsaw Safety

- a. Chainbreak
- b. Antivibration
- c. Chain catch peg
- d. Throttle
- e. Rear hand guard

3. Risk Analysis

- a. Widow makers/snags
- b. Wires
- c. Structures
- d. Topography
- e. Other (vines, traffic, weather)

4. Bucking/Cutting

- a. Bind/Compression Analysis
- b. Match cuts/kerf
- c. Chainsaw reactive forces (push/pull/kickback)
- d. Fully encircled grip
- e. Safe limb removal and cutting of something brush

5. Saw Use

- a. Safe starting
- b. Bar tip use
- c. Correct body position (boxer, saw on right)
- d. Chainbreak (2 steps)
- e. Throttle control

Intermediate

1. Tree Risk Analysis

- a. Tree Health
- b. Lean (2 Types)
- c. Targets (people, buildings, vehicles)
- d. Site Analysis
- e. Risk of cutting tree

2. Felling Plan

- a. Notch location/size 3/8" by-pass
- b. Use of sights
- c. Back cut procedure (2 stage/bore)
- d. Hinge
- e. Escape plan

3. Risk Analysis

- a. Appropriate sized notch
- b. Minimal bypass on all cutes 3/8"
- c. Straight parrallel line on hinged based on DBH
- d. Back cut with 20% of DBI
- e. Functioning hinge

4. Saw Maintenance

- a. Chain sharpening procedures
- b. Bar maintenance
- c. Oil pump/oiler holes
- d. Air filter
- e. Overall evaluation (cracks, missing parts)

5. Escape Procedures

- a. Did you follow plan
- b. Cleared path
- c. Did you watch tree as you escaped?
- d. Did you escape proper time?
- e. Don't go back in area, wait

Advanced

1. Tree Risk Analysis

- a. Species
- b. Tree health: deformations, defects
- c. Lean 2 ways how much to correct
- d. Targets how to mitigate (rigging)
- e. Risk analysis

2. Felling Plan

- a. Notch no bypass, matching
- b. Backcutting procedures:
 - 2 Stage: Each stage 50% 10% margin of error
 - Bore: Level cut, within 10% of diameter of stump
- c. Hinge 10% of DBH, length 75-80% of DBH
- d. Wedges, rigging, compensation for lean
- e. Proper use of escape plan

3. Stump Analysis

- a. Proper sized notch
- b. No by-pass or corrected by-pass
- c. Hinge must be accurate
- d. Backcut level 10% or less
- e. Stump to target direction

4. Limbing

- a. Bend/compression analysis
- b. Must demonstrate safe limbing practices
- c. Buck log to length no pinching, wedge use
- d. Demonstrate safe supervision of crew
- e. Overall evaluation (cracks, missing parts)

5. Job Plan Analysis

- a. Did you have good plan? Eval after
- b. List one thing could have done better
- c. List one thing could have done better while operating saw
- d. List safety violations
- e. What you would do different on next tree?

Comments: _____

Restrictions: _____

Skill Level: B B: Basic, I: Intermediate, A: Advanced

Instructor: Dave Richardson Location: Adirondack

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