



Woodchippers - LANTRA

Course Aim

This course aims to provide the knowledge to safely operate and maintain woodchipper machines with confidence. This is a hands-on course that includes both health and safety and practical elements which supply sufficient training to meet The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations.

Who Should Attend?

Anyone with an interest or employment in arboriculture, forestry, horticulture, landscaping, or grounds maintenance.

You do not need any pre-requisites to attend this course. However, please note that due to the nature of the training a minimum level of fitness will be required for specific operations. Whilst we would not want to disadvantage you as a learner, it is an essential requirement.

Course Duration

This is a 1 day course.

Maximum Delegates

Maximum attendees: 6 delegates.

Certification

Upon completion of this course, delegates will receive a LANTRA accredited certificate that does not expire. However, it is advised and is business best practice that delegates attend a refresher course every 5 years.

Agenda

This one-day course persists of both theory and practical aspects:

- Produce a site-specific risk assessment for wood chipping operations.
- State the principles of Health and Safety Executive legislation and safety guidelines for using a woodchipper.
- Select the appropriate personal protective equipment 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.

Safety / Value / Availability / Support