

# WEEKLY TAILGATE: BRUSH REMOVAL, CHIPPING, CHIPPER MAINTENANCE (LOCK-OUT/TAG-OUT)

Week of

## CORPORATE MESSAGE

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**Chippers are powerful.** Accidents can be sudden and injuries can be serious. Respect the equipment, use caution and follow procedures. There are **two basic types of chippers: drum and disk chippers.** Understand the differences and how to operate and maintain each.



**Before performing any maintenance, make sure the chipper is turned off,** the ignition key is removed and the chip disk or drum is locked in place.



Before operating any chipper, **employees must be trained to operate it** and be able to demonstrate to their supervisor they can operate it safely.



**Do not wear any jewelry, loose clothing or long-cuffed gloves** when operating a chipper. Wearing the appropriate PPE is a Key to Life.



Drag brush to the chipper and stack it so it can be **fed from the side** into the chipper butt-end first. Do not pile too much brush near the chipper. Under no circumstances should any part of the body cross into the infeed hopper.

## SAFETY VIDEOS

English: [vimeo.com/townsendcorp/12ne](https://vimeo.com/townsendcorp/12ne)

Spanish: [vimeo.com/townsendcorp/12ns](https://vimeo.com/townsendcorp/12ns)

## GOALS REGIONAL/LOCAL OPERATIONS

Last Week

This Week

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

## DAILY SAFETY NUGGETS

### MONDAY

What is the basic rule of thumb to prevent chipper accidents? Your feet never pass the infeed tray and your hands never pass the edge of the infeed hopper.

### TUESDAY

What is the purpose of the cables often hanging inside the infeed hopper and the reverse bar outside the hopper? Both of these items serve to reverse the infeed rollers which will push items out of the hopper instead of pulling them in.

### WEDNESDAY

TRUE or FALSE... It is permissible to put rakings in the chipper if you make sure there are no pebbles in the pile. FALSE: Rakings should never be fed through the chipper. This practice dulls the blades and can allow for items to be kicked back out of the chipper.

### THURSDAY

Where should you stand when feeding a chipper? Always stand to the side and on a road, on the curb side away from traffic.

### FRIDAY

TRUE/FALSE... It is required to remove all jewelry and not wear loose fitting clothing or climbing harnesses, etc. when operating a chipper. TRUE

### SATURDAY

What should you do with the chipper between infeed operations when you are raking or otherwise not feeding brush into the chipper? During these times the chipper should at a minimum be idled down. If you are leaving it unattended or not feeding it for an extended time, shut it down and turn off the engine.

## DRIVE SAFETY TIP

### Wear Your Seat Belt!!

[Seat belts](#) save lives. Worn properly, they prevent you from being thrown around the inside of a crashing vehicle or, worse, thrown through the windshield and flung completely out of the vehicle. More than half of all accident fatalities are people who weren't using seat belts



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Weekly Tailgate Sign-in

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Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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