

Procedures for Chipper Operation

Every Buildings and Grounds Department employee will attend an annual training video presentation followed by hands-on instruction prior to operating this equipment. Staff directly operating this equipment must be a minimum of 18 years of age. No employees may use a chipper without prior training by the Park District.

Chipper Operation

1. Eye protection, hearing protection, long pants and gloves are needed when operating this piece of equipment
2. Check oil, coolant level and hydraulic fluid level.
3. Make sure clutch lever is in "OFF" position and feed roller bar is in "NEUTRAL" position.
4. The chipper has a preheat position on ignition. Turn the key to "PREHEAT" position and hold for 10 to 15 seconds, then push "START" button below ignition and turn key all the way to the start position, while holding start button in.
5. Once chipper is running, raising clutch handle to the "ON" position, while gradually engaging cutter wheel. Once cutter wheel is engaged, pull throttle knob out to full.
6. Move to back of chipper, pull feed roller bar back to start feed rollers, and begin to feed brush.
7. When finished chipping, return feed roller control bar to "NEUTRAL" position, put clutch lever in "OFF" position, push throttle knob in. Allow chipper to idle for a few minutes to cool down, and then turn the key to the "OFF" position.
8. Refuel chipper, filling diesel tank (with diesel only) to top. Clean machine of chips and debris.
9. Note any deficiencies, and inform supervisor or specialized staff of any concerns or problems. If serious problem exists, tag equipment, noting on tag what the problem is, the date, and your name.
10. Note on your daily work sheet that you have properly put away equipment and/ or noted deficiencies.