



There are many resources available to you to help cope with the problems caused by the recent severe weather.

Resources and Contact Phone Numbers

For all emergencies, call **911**.

For all other storm-related issues, call **211**.

Examples: debris disposal, compost pile, tree cutting, and removal, utility information, American Red Cross, food assistance, home repair, transportation, non-emergency medical support.

Chain Saw Safety Tips

Operating a chain saw is dangerous. Injuries can be reduced by using proper personal safety equipment and safe operating measures.

Before Starting a Chain Saw

- Check controls, chain tension, and all bolts and handles to ensure that they are operating properly and that they are adjusted according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Make sure that the chain is always sharp and the lubrication reservoir is full.
- Start the saw on the ground or on another firm support. Drop starting is never allowed.
- Start the saw at least 10 feet from the fueling area, with the chain's brake engaged.

Fueling a Chain Saw

- Use approved containers for transporting fuel to the saw.
- Dispense fuel at least 10 feet away from any sources of ignition when performing construction activities. **No smoking during fueling.**
- Use a funnel or a flexible hose when pouring fuel into the saw.
- Never attempt to fuel a running or HOT saw.

Chain Saw Safety

- Clear away dirt, debris, small tree limbs, and rocks from the saw's chain path. Look for nails, spikes, or other metal in the tree before cutting.
- Shut off the saw or engage its chain brake when carrying the saw on rough or uneven terrain.
- Keep your hands on the saw's handles, and maintain secure footing while operating the saw.
- Proper personal protective equipment must be worn when operating the saw, which includes hand, foot, leg, eye, face, hearing and head protection.
- Do not wear loose-fitting clothing.
- Be careful that the trunk or tree limbs will not bind against the saw.
- Watch for branches under tension, they may spring out when cut.
- Gasoline-powered chain saws must be equipped with a protective device that minimizes chain saw kickback.
- Be cautious of saw kickback, do not saw with the tip. If equipped, keep tip guard in place.