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Working with a TLC Logger

You and your logger play important roles when harvesting trees to ensure the long-term health and resilience of your woodland. Meeting your expectations requires realistic and clear communication between you and your TLC logger. Talk openly and ask questions before logging begins.

Need Assistance?

Harvesting can be an intimidating process. To become more informed about forest stewardship, including harvesting trees;

- Consider a visit from a Master Forest Owner (MFO)
- Subscribe to the You and Your Woodlot Newsletter
- Attend a forest Landowner Workshop

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Greene County can help with all of the above (518) 622-9820.



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Why use a Trained
Logger Certified (TLC)
Logger when you
Harvest Timber ?



Did you know?

Loggers are required to hold TLC certification when harvesting timber on New York State lands.

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What is TLC?

The Trained Logger Certification (TLC) program was developed to recognize loggers who complete a training schedule involving three “core” areas of knowledge and skills. The “core” areas taught in day-long workshops include:

First Aid and CPR

Chainsaw Safety and Proficiency

- Safe felling techniques
- Personal protective equipment
- Chainsaw reactive forces

Forest Ecology and Silviculture

Covers history, ecology and forest stewardship with an emphasis on protecting water quality.

In addition, TLC loggers are required to maintain certification with continuing education courses every year.

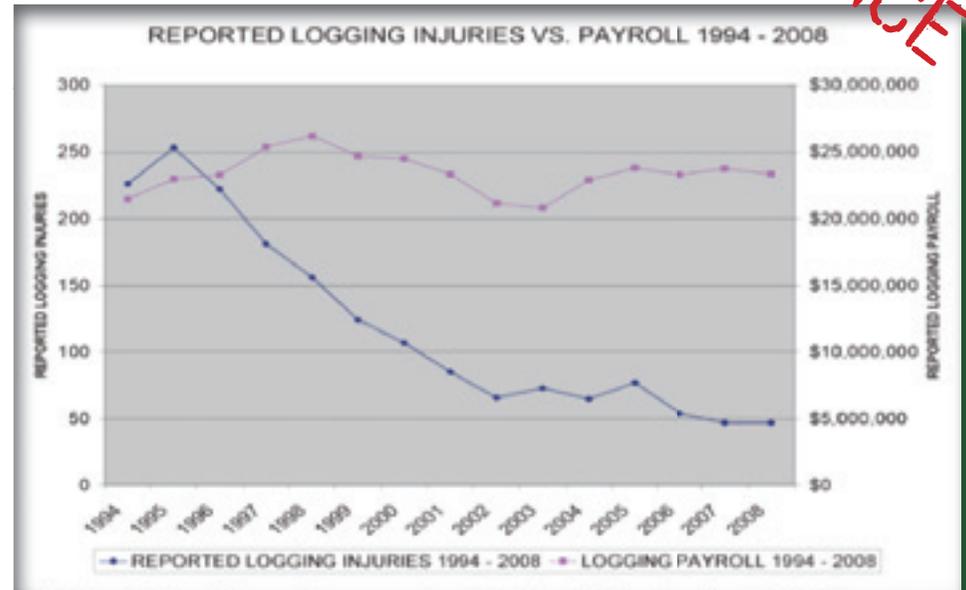
Examples include:

- Forest Pests and Diseases
- Stream and Wetland Protection
- Logger Rescue

TLC = Safer Loggers !

Game of Logging is the cornerstone of Trained Logger Certification. According to Edward G. Wright of W.J. Cox Insurance Associates, an insurance services provider in the forest products industry since 1979, “*The Game of Logging is based on an extensive study of the type, frequency and causes of logging-related accidents. For example, researchers learned that most fatalities occur within 10 feet of the tree stump, so the training includes planning an escape path.*”

Game of Logging meets OSHA requirements for logging operation employee training, and since its introduction, a significant reduction in logging-related accidents has been realized. Wright says the Game of Logging has made loggers safer and lowered insurance claims. “*Over the past ten years, we have seen reductions in logging-related accidents, and we intuitively attribute the vast majority of the reduction to the Game of Logging training*”. He goes on to say that “*the number of reported injuries fell from 253 in 1995 to 47 in 2008, while the number of insured loggers remained stable*” (New York Lumbermen’s Insurance Trust Fund statistics - see above graph).



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