

There Is No Substitute For Safety!

The Butte Conservation District produced this brochure in an effort to promote safety in the work place. All staff and employees are required to read the brochure and follow the advice within, whenever possible while working for the District.



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Tree Planting

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Safety First!

Lifting

Always use your legs when lifting and lift straight up. If at all possible lift as a team to reduce the stress to each individual, especially when lifting oversized objects or objects at an awkward level.

Gear

Use common sense when you are working outdoors. Wear a durable outdoor shoe with good support, jeans, gloves and protective eyewear (ie safety glasses or sunglasses), hearing protection (if warranted), a long sleeve shirt will protect you from the elements and always use sunscreen. Remember to pack a supply of water for the day no matter the conditions and most days a lunch will be needed. All vehicles will have a first aid kit and fire extinguisher.

Product

The Butte Conservation District uses root dip to protect the roots prior to planting and shingletow is used for packing and storage of the trees.

- When mixing and handling the root dip, you should be wearing gloves and a standard dust mask to prevent inhalation and protective eyewear is an option. Caution: when root dip comes in contact with water it becomes extremely slippery, so immediate clean up of spills is necessary to prevent falls. To clean up after handling, wash thoroughly. Skin contact should cause no irritation.

- When in contact with shingletow rubber gloves are recommended just to protect your hands after being in the water for long periods and there is also the possibility of an occupational splinter. Shingletow poses no health risks and therefore

has no strict guideline, these are just helpful recommendations.

Driving & Equipment

Familiarize yourself with the equipment you will be using. Always walk around your equipment prior to use to ensure that nothing has become entangled or altered in any way, making sure that the equipment is properly hooked up. The District will provide a training day prior to tree season. When driving from site to site use extra caution as you will be hauling all of your equipment. Be aware of your surroundings and know where your crew is. Always wear your seat belt, carry a valid drivers license and if driving your personal vehicle you must have insurance.

Cell Phone Usage

Allowed ONLY during breaks, lunch & between job sites, NEVER allowed during the operation of equipment or while driving.