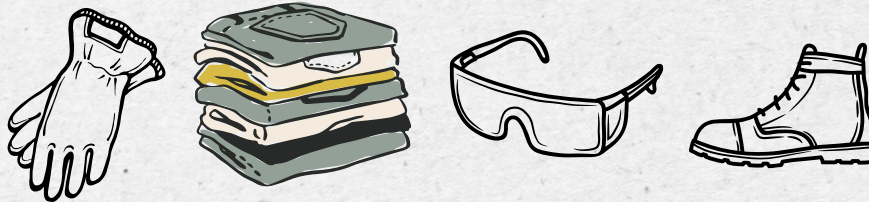


FIREWOOD BANK SAFETY

WOOD SPLITTER

A. PROPER SAFETY CLOTHING

- Eye protection
- Ear protection
- Steel toe boots
- Gloves
- No loose clothing (to avoid becoming tangled in equipment)



B. KNOW YOUR EQUIPMENT & WORK AREA

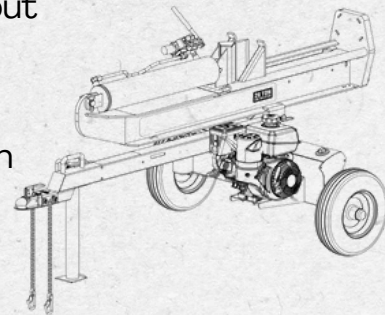
1. **Read the log splitter user manual!**
2. The surroundings of your wood splitter should be clear of other volunteers/workers. Working in a crowded space increases risks of injury.

C. PREPARE YOUR WOOD SPLITTER

- Wheels locked? Make sure the wheels of your splitter are secure with blocks before starting.
- Solid, firm base? Make sure your splitter is on flat and even ground.
- Hydraulic hose or pipes? Hydraulic hoses and pipes can wear out with time and usage. Check to make sure there are no leaks or faults before starting with a piece of wood or cardboard. **DO NOT USE YOUR HANDS.**

D. BASIC OPERATING SAFETY TIPS

1. No two-person teams! One splitter, one person operating.
2. Handle logs by the sides, not the ends. This habit keeps your fingers out of the cleaving path.
3. Don't hold the wood on the splitter with your hand.
4. Don't pry partially split wood apart with your fingers, Those splits can close due to spring tension in the wood and crush your fingers.
5. Be careful with frozen wood and don't split rotten wood.
6. Buck rounds straight. If there's a large misalignment wood can fly out of the splitter.
7. If wood is too heavy, use a hydraulic lift. Team lifting is dangerous.



VIDEO RESOURCES*

[Log Splitter Safety Tips](#)

[Safety and Operating Techniques](#)

*AGH does not recommend any particular brand! Videos were chosen solely for quality of safety tips.