



Landscaping Safety Do's and Don'ts



Do:

- ✓ Use sunscreen, drink plenty of water, and take frequent breaks during hot weather.
- ✓ Protect yourself from poisonous plants, insect and spider bites and stings, and other animal bites by wearing clothing that covers your legs, arms, hands, and feet.
- ✓ Use all necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) when using power equipment, such as safety eyewear, hearing protection, and hand and foot protection.
- ✓ Use caution and follow all manufacturer recommendations when operating lawn mowers and other powered landscaping equipment.
- ✓ Make sure all tools and equipment are in good working condition and guards are in place.
- ✓ Check labels and safety data sheets (SDS) before working with pesticides, and follow all safety guidelines.

Don't:

Use equipment you are not authorized or trained to use.

Use electrical equipment in wet conditions.

Fuel mowers or other equipment while the equipment is still hot.

Attempt to clear jam in a mower or other machine without turning it off and making sure that it is completely stopped and cannot start while you are working on it.

Mow grass when wet.

Wash clothing contaminated with pesticides alongside other, noncontaminated laundry.

