



Ohio Department of Natural Resources

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Ohio Master Logger Program

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Forestry provides support to the Ohio Forestry Association in coordinating the Master Logger Program. A Master Logger is a logger who participates in a voluntary certification program that provides extensive safety and resource protection training. Participation demonstrates the Master Logger's commitment to safety, worker education and protection, and environmental stewardship.

Why should you use a Master Logger?

- To conserve the value of your woodlot for the future
- To protect water quality and reduce erosion
- For the value of well trained loggers and company-provided liability protection

Safety

- Master Loggers receive training in safe and efficient logging practices.
- Each Master Logger has current certification in CPR and first aid.

Environmental Stewardship

- Master Loggers are trained to use Best Management Practices, logging techniques that reduce erosion and protect water quality.
- Master Loggers are mindful of the environmental impacts of site preparation, harvesting, access roads and skid trails, and staging areas.

Protecting Value

- Master Loggers are trained to use Best Management Practices to improve the appearance of your woodlot after harvesting.
- To take advantage of the tax benefits associated with the Ohio Forest Tax Law, new program participants must use a Master Logger to harvest their timber.

Liability Protection

- A Master Logging Company will provide liability coverage on request.
- A Master Logging Company provides workers' compensation insurance for its employees. Both of these measures help to safeguard the assets of the landowner.
- Master Loggers are subject to random monitoring inspections.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources encourages you to use a Master Logger if you are considering harvesting your timber. You can find a list of Master Logging Companies at the Ohio Forestry Association's web site: www.ohioforest.org (click on "Services.")

More information on the Ohio Master Logger Program can be found at ohiodnr.com/forestry