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### **SAFETY KNEE PADS (THEY'RE NEW!) ARE CUTTING CHAIN SAW INJURIES**

There once was a day when the chain saw was a hallmark of the logger. Today, the farm family is the primary user of these handy tools and they have even found their way into the two-car garages in suburban areas.

Along with the rise in chain saw popularity goes the risk of serious injury to inexperienced users. Lulled into carelessness by the ease of operation and light weight of the newer models, operators too often forget the painful possibilities of a deep, ragged and serious laceration.

Injuries of this sort are by no means limited to amateurs. It is a common plague in the logging industry and has challenged safety experts for years.

#### **Valuable Discovery**

Research into the problem by a major forest industry in the northeast produced a valuable discovery about their employees. Over a three-year period, 49 percent of all serious chain saw injuries were sustained within 6 inches above and 6 inches below the knee.

An outgrowth of this study was the development of nylon polyfoam safety knee pads. Light and flexible yet tough and longlasting, the new guards are credited with reducing this company's leg injuries by more than 75 percent!

The only known U.S. manufacturer is the Bourgoin Glass Company, Winslow, Maine. And while their product is worth its weight in gold to any chain saw user, the price is under \$4.00 per pair.

### **WELL WATER INSPECTION**

Now that the sprinkling season is almost over I would like to suggest to those golf course superintendents who use wells for their irrigation water supply that this is an ideal time to have their well pumps removed from the well for inspection, i.e. provided the pump has been in service for 7 years or longer, it will often be found that bearings, drive shafts, etc. are so badly worn that they have to be replaced, the pump column pipe will often be pitted with rust and should be sand blasted and coated with a bitumastic paint. A check of the air line should also be made so that the correct water pumping and static level in the well can be determined.

Should the superintendent feel that the well water production is falling off some thought should be given to rejuvenating the output by having a responsible firm acidize the water bearing formation in the well bore.

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