

Subject: Weeding

Approved: Patrick Bohlen

PROCEDURE: LNR Process for Weeding

INTENDED AUDIENCE: LNR personnel responsible for weeding beds and other areas.

PURPOSE: To train LNR personnel to perform weeding safely, efficiently and accurately.

I. Knowledge

a. Employee must be able to identify the desirable plants and those that are to be removed. If not employee should ask the supervisor for clarification.

II. Safety

a. Check for any biting or stinging insect/animals that might be in area to be weeded. If wasp/ants are a problem let the supervisor know.

b. It is the employee's responsibility to determine if added Personal Protective Equipment is needed and therefore must consult with their Supervisor prior to starting the task. If gloves are needed the employee may request the type of glove needed.

III. Steps for Weeding

a. Remove large and medium weeds from beds.

b. Small weeds should not be visibly dense.

c. If tree rings are being weeded it may done with line trimmer according to LNR SOP # 504 Line Trimmer.

CAUTION

The line of the line trimmer should not be allowed to contact the trunk of the tree or the root system of the tree at any time. If need be, hand pull weeds next to the trunk and the major roots.

d. Line trim the entire tree ring.

e. Collect any trimmings if necessary and dispose of in designated area.

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Note:

If at any time equipment is not working properly, attach a 3x6 tag from the LNR shop area on hand held equipment with a short explanation the problem. When the repair is complete, the trimmer will be staged outside the LNR shop door for pick up.

- IV. After Line Trimming Weeds**
- a. Return line trimmer to staging area.