



First Day Equipment Checklist

As a new Power Line Clearance Tree Trimmer Apprentice, you may find yourself asking the question “**What do I need for my first day?**”. This quick guide will help prepare you for proper work attire and other basic needs that will help build the foundation of success. While your employer is responsible for providing you with basic Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) like a hard hat, safety glasses, and Hi-Viz vest, you are responsible for a few things as well.

- Gloves
- Work Boots
- Rain Gear
- Work Clothes
- Lunch, Water, & Basic Needs

Gloves:



It is best to have several pairs of different gloves available as weather or job tasks change. Rubber palmed gloves like the Atlas Re-Grips and Cotton White Ox gloves on the left are favorites. Gauntlet style gloves (loose cuff) are **NOT** acceptable and will not be worn.



Work Boots:



Proper Work Boots must be over the ankle with suitable traction. Hoffman Boots offers you \$40 off with promo code “**school20**” at checkout. Waterproof boots such as “Gore-Tex” with Vibram soles are good choices. Invest in your work boots. Tennis shoes, low top hikers and boots with “blowouts” or no traction left are **NOT** acceptable.

Rain Gear:



Quality rain gear is very important during the rainy and winter months. Cheap rain gear found at grocery and home retail stores will not hold up to the nature of the job or keep you dry and warm. Invest in name brand Gore-Tex or Neoprene rain gear such as Stormr, Cabelas, Viking etc.



Work Clothes:



Your everyday work clothing should be:

- Proper fitting
- Not torn, frayed, or loose

Loose fitting clothes, clothing with manufactured holes or holes caused by wear are not acceptable and should be retired. Quality and durable pants from reputable brands such as Carhartt, Ariat, Wrangler, and Arborwear are good options.

Chainsaw pants are protective pants that are something you may want to invest in at some point during your career. Clogger manufacturers some of the finest and offers a discount to you with NWJATC-STUDENT promo code from their Canadian website.

Long sleeve shirts and fleece hoodies are excellent investments as they will not only protect you but help keep you dry and comfortable. Tank tops and sleeveless shirts are NOT acceptable.

Lunch, Water, & Basic Needs:

You will be responsible for bringing your own lunch. Often there is no opportunity to stop for lunch or snacks. You should also consider the following:

- Any medication you cannot be without (heart medication, inhaler, Epi-pen etc.) Be sure to notify your crew of any allergies.
- Hygiene products
- Spare change of socks during winter/rainy seasons
- Cell phone charger
- Minimal Spare Cash (in case power is out)

You should bring enough food to sustain you through the workday. You may be required to work overtime during storm response and may need to bring extra food with you. Water is also of vital importance.

