

**Ohio Forestry Association, Inc.
Logging Standards Council**

**CODE OF ETHICS
for
CERTIFIED MASTER LOGGING COMPANIES
and OHIO TRAINED LOGGERS**

We recognize that excellence in logging requires a professional attitude and a commitment to ethics. We accept the voluntary certification through the OFA Master Logging Company Program and agree to abide by the following Code of Ethics:

- Safety on the worksite is the number one priority and professional logging demands safe practices. We will both abide by and promote safety standards;
- We take pride in our profession and in our practices. We commit to perform all logging activities in a responsible and professional manner, and encourage others in the industry to do the same;
- We recognize the values of the natural environment, especially for forest resource, and commit to operate according to forest management principles and guidelines for the sustainability of the resource;
- We commit to abide by all laws and regulations relating directly to forestry practice and to the operation of a business in Ohio and any other legal jurisdiction in the United States;
- We recognize the scope and extent of our qualifications in logging practice. We will make clear to our clients our knowledge and experience and will provide services based on our qualifications. We commit to helping clients fully understand the impact and outcome of our logging practice through ongoing dialogue during and after the harvest;
- We recognize that logging practice and the forestry industry changes over time due to new technology, changes in laws, and different landowner expectations, and we strive to stay abreast of and embrace changes;
- We believe the contracted sale and purchase of forest products between the landowner and logger is critical to sound and legal logging practices. We commit to implement harvest contracts that meet the goals of the landowner and needs of the logger.

Signed on this date: _____

By: _____
(Ohio Trained Logger)

Representing: _____
(Ohio Master Logging Company)