



Hand tools are great for getting exercise and removing eastern redcedar in small areas.

Chainsaws perform well on all sizes of eastern redcedar, and like hand tools, they are great for getting exercise and clearing eastern redcedar off small acreages.



Hydraulic clippers work well on all but very small eastern redcedar. They are a good follow-up treatment to a prescribed fire.

Ground anchor chains make quick work of large eastern redcedar, but are very expensive.



Elevated anchor chains (ball and chain) are the most effective and economical method for eradicating large eastern redcedar.



Bulldozers take out any size eastern redcedar, but it is the most expensive tool to use and causes severe soil disturbance, as well as damage to native grasses.



Hydraulic saws work well and are very fast on medium- to large-size trees. They do a good job following a prescribed fire.





Prescribed fire is a maintenance and restoration tool. It is the best option economically and ecologically. If prescribed fire is periodically used, eastern redcedar and other woody plants are easily managed. Eastern redcedar becomes irrelevant with the use of prescribed fire.



For more information, contact the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry - Forestry Service at 405.521.3864 or any of the other participating agencies.

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