TACKLING THE DAILY GRIND





LOCATION:

Uxbridge, MA

SCOPE OF ENGINE USE:

Bandit 4680 Grinder powered by Cat® C32 Industrial Engine

AUTHORIZED BANDIT DEALER:

Rock and Recycling Equipment, LLC

Hurley Land Clearing

CLEARING THE WAY FOR SOLAR

As alternative energies are becoming more accessible to people around the world, solar farms are beginning to crop up in sun-soaked spots—including places you wouldn't normally imagine, like the traditionally rural and tree-dense state of Massachusetts. So when land for a solar farm in Massachusetts needs to be cleared, the experts at Hurley Land Clearing jump into action.

For more than 15 years, the family-owned Hurley Land Clearing has been helping to build communities across the state of Massachusetts. While their business began with clearing land for housing and building developments, they've also been in the business of clearing land for solar farms. And while the end-use results may differ, the challenges and byproducts remain the same.

"A large part of land clearing is the end product we make and sell from the trees we remove, which is mulch. It's how we're able to remain profitable as a business," says Greg Hurley, owner "The grinder is one of the most important pieces of equipment in our operation. If it's down, we aren't able to make any material and so on. And the challenge with grinding trees is that it is very rough on equipment, which we've had to learn the hard way. When we switched to the Cat® C32 powered Bandit 4680 Grinder, we've been beyond happy with the results ever since."

SAWING LOGS

Greg and his team of doers aren't afraid of hard work and getting their hands dirty every day. In fact, it's been that way for just about as long as he can remember.

"When I was just 15 years old, I went into town to look at buying machines, and no one

POWER PROFILE: HURLEY LAND CLEARING FEATURING THE BANDIT 4680 GRINDER

would really take me very seriously," Greg reminisces. "But James Eagen, the dealer salesperson from Milton Cat did. He came up to me and treated me just like every other customer and since that day, for 18 years now, James has been my Cat salesperson for everything I need."

So when they needed a grinder that chews up trees and spits them out into tiny pieces of mulch, they knew it was going to need some serious power. And the only machine to fit the bill? The Bandit 4680 Grinder powered by a Cat C32 engine that makes mulching trees look like shredding a document in your office paper shredder.

"We chose the Cat powered Bandit grinder, because the engine's fuel consumption is hands down the best we've ever seen—by a long shot." Greg says. "Besides that, the C32 has the horsepower we were looking for and the best thing about it since we've got it? We've got more than 1,700 hours on that high-horsepower motor, and we haven't had to do a thing but service it like we would any other engine."

But the Bandit grinder isn't the only Cat product you'll find in the operation. With more than a dozen pieces of Cat equipment in their fleet, the Hurley's fondness for Cat is easily seen. And for good reason.

SEEING THE FOREST FOR THE TREES

"Cat products are some of the most reliable out there," Greg explains. "Because a lot of the land in Massachusetts is used for commercial and residential developments, solar farms are often located in remote areas of the state. And when you're in the middle of nowhere, you don't have time to waste worrying over unreliable products or machines. It's why we choose Cat again and again."

But it's not just the proven performance and reliability of Cat products that impresses the Hurleys. It's also the incredible parts and service network that puts customers' priorities first. With easily accessible parts and an industry-leading dealer network, if something needs repaired, it's only a matter of hours in most cases, not days, before it's up and running again.

"Caterpillar stands behind everything they do. If I'm running late and my local Cat store is closed for the day, someone will stay there and wait for me to swing by. If I have a machine breakdown in the northern part of the state, James will track down a part for me and get it to me the next day. The Cat dealer network is dedicated to helping us stay up and running, no matter what."



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