

become vital links between citizens, public officials, and professionals in urban forestry. In fact, the excellent newsletter "Urban Forestry," published quarterly by the California Urban Forests Council says it all right under the masthead: "Linking: people, professionals, industry, government, educators & communities." Communication is a key element in creating these linkages and building an active and effective constituency for urban forestry.

If we think of urban tree programs as a small canoe that could easily be swept away by the stream of day-to-day events, then communication

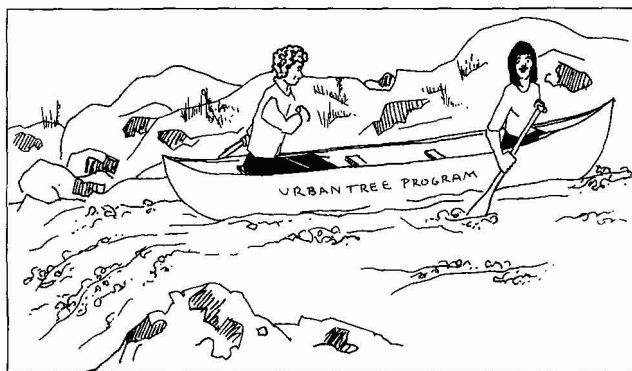


Fig. 7. Communication lets us paddle against the current.

is the paddle that permits us to work against the current. It takes quite a bit of paddling just to maintain our position and a lot more to make progress. Given the mood of the country, the current seems likely to get swifter. The moral to be drawn is this: Now is no time to be up the creek without the paddle! We need communication.

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ABSTRACT

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An important consideration that the tree care or tree/shrub care industries deal with is the accidental spilling of dilute materials from applicator vehicles during transport between job sites. Excessive speed, following too closely, not keeping your eyes on the road, and backing up are some of the causes. Three features of spray rigs call for special driving skills: height, weight, and fluid load. Combining the above information suggests the place where most accidents occur—an intersection. Intersection conditions change constantly and sometimes quickly. Anticipating what is going on in the intersection before you get there can prevent an accident, even a fender-bender. When a truck rolls and pesticides are spilled, there are certain things that need to be done. First and foremost is that emergency medical assistance be given to any people involved. The second step is to contain the spill. Next, notify your employer.