Flatbed tarping
Best practices

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Use proper personal protective equipment
- Safety glasses
- Gloves that fit well and allow good dexterity
- High visibility vest
- Hat
- Good traction-control shoes with ankle support

Climbing the load
- Use forklift to place tarp on load.
- Ladder safety
  - Inspect side rails and rungs.
  - Maintain solid footing.
  - Extend 3-feet above load.
  - Maintain three points of contact.
  - Use caution when transitioning.
- Watch for open/uneven sections.

Unfolding the tarp
- Position tarp on the back of the load.
- Never walk backward.
- Watch for holes in load.
- Work from hands and knees near load edges.
- Carefully unfold the tarp and drop over sides.
- Fasten rear folds from top of load.

Fastening the tarp
- Wear safety glasses.
- Use bungee to help hold the tarp “helping hand.”
- Pull bungee away from your body/face.
- Keep fingers away from pinch points.
- Turn hooks so they face away from tarp.

Removing the tarp
- Grab one corner and yank up to get air under the tarp.
- Use a steady, balanced tug-of-war pull.
- Get the tarp neat, flat, and square to make it easy to fold.
- Work smart—drag tarp to storage area.
- Use proper lifting techniques or forklift to lift tarp.

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