



Tree Trimming Workshop

October 17–19, 2023



Brainerd Public Utilities
8027 Highland Scenic Dr, Baxter, MN 56425

2023 Tree Trimming Workshop—at a glance

Who should attend?

This workshop is intended for any municipal employee responsible for tree work; it's not just for lineworkers. The course will include classroom and hands-on field work and will take place rain or shine. Please come prepared with the proper tools, personal protective equipment, and other necessary items (see section on what to bring).



Team of instructors

Training will be led by Jake Stoll and Devin Lee of Detroit Lakes Public Utilities, along with Cody Raveling and Jay Reading of MMUA. Jake and Devin work on Detroit Lakes' tree crew and bring years of experience to the workshop. Cody and Jay, along with other MMUA Safety Team members, recently completed a 4-day arborist training covering chainsaw usage and maintenance, rigging, felling, proper pruning techniques, and applicable safety standards (OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910, ANSI Z133 Safety Standard, ANSI A300 Pruning Standard).

Certificate of achievement

Attendees earn a certificate of achievement for their participation. Watch for an email notification upon completion of the course.

Hotel information

MMUA has negotiated reduced room rates at the Arrowwood Lodge. Rates start at \$109 per night plus tax. To obtain the reduced rate, please call Arrowwood Lodge directly at 218-822-5634. Rate expires on September 23 or when sold out.

Registration information

Registration fee includes workshop fees, materials, lunch, refreshment breaks, and a certificate of attendance.

- Member—\$425 per person

Please note: must be member to register. Registration limited to first 50 participants.

Registration increases \$50 on September 19, 2023.

MMUA will issue a refund (less \$35 processing fee per person) provided MMUA is notified of the cancellation by 4:30 pm on September 29, 2023.

To register, visit mmua.org/event/tree-trimming-2023. The registration deadline is September 29, 2023.

What do I need to bring?

- Work gloves/gauntlets
- Work boots
- Hard hat
- Safety glasses
- Face protection
- Hearing protection
- Long sleeve shirt
- Weather-appropriate, high visibility clothing
- Chaps
- Chainsaw in protective case and extra chain
- Mixed gas, in approved container

Schedule

Tuesday, October 17

- 12:00-1:00 Registration/check-in
- 1:00 Introduction and rule setting
- 1:15-4:00 Classroom instruction covering:
 - Accident review
 - Safety standards
 - Hazard recognition
 - Chainsaw maintenance
 - Wood chipper safety and proper use

Wednesday, October 18

- 8:00-12:00 Hands-on tree work
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch provided
- 1:00-4:00 Hands-on tree work

Thursday, October 19

- 8:00-10:00 Rigging techniques and proper application
- 10:00-11:30 Overview of tree species; tree trimming/cutting recommendations
- 11:30-12:00 Q&A and wrap-up

Schedule subject to change without notice.