



Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association

Tree Trimming Workshop

October 8–10, 2024



Elk River Municipal Utilities
13069 Orono Pkwy NW, Elk River, MN 55330

2024 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).



Registration information

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

- Member—\$450 per person

Registration limited to first 50 participants.

Registration increases \$50 on September 6.

MMUA will issue a refund (less \$50 processing fee per person) provided MMUA is notified of the cancellation by 4:30 pm on September 20. Refunds issued to a credit card will be subject to a 3% fee.

To register, visit mmua.org/events/tree-trimming-2024. The registration deadline is September 20.

Team of instructors

Training will be led by MMUA's Jake Kuntz, Cody Raveling, and Jay Reading. All three have extensive tree care experience, including a 30-hour training course. Additionally, Jake is a licensed Minnesota tree inspector, and he is working toward becoming a certified arborist.

Hotel information

MMUA has secured a block of rooms at a reduced rate at the Wyndham Garden Otsego-NW Minneapolis, located at 9200 Quady Ave NE, Otsego, MN 55330. The daily room rate is \$90 plus tax. The room block closes on September 14 or when sold out. Availability cannot be guaranteed.

Please make hotel reservations as soon as possible using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/2024-tree-hotel>.

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 8

12:00-1:00	Registration/check-in
1:00	Welcome and introductions
1:15-4:00	Classroom instruction covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Safety standards-Hazard recognition-Chainsaw safety and maintenance-Disease prevention-Wood chipper safety and proper use

Wednesday, October 9

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

Thursday, October 10

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

Schedule subject to change without notice.