Line clearance is important to maintaining reliable power, and lineworkers can routinely encounter dangerous situations while working around trees. Safely cutting limbs and branches around energized wires and equipment requires a high level of focus and skill that cannot be taken for granted. This advanced, hands-on workshop is specifically designed to help lineworkers of all experience levels refresh their skills and learn about safe tree trimming and tree felling consistent with ANSI standards.

**In this advanced-level workshop, you’ll learn:**

- To work safely in proximity to energized lines
- Tree growth patterns
- How to prevent damage to a tree and how to care for damaged trees
- Common knots used in tree care
- Basic tree identification criteria
- Correct use of a chainsaw
- The concept of directional pruning

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**Two dates available —**

**Wednesday, Sept. 21**

**Thursday, Sept. 22**

Each day’s workshop will begin at 8:00 a.m. and wrap up by 3:00 p.m. Lunch is provided.

— Rain or shine —

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**Workshop Instructors**

The workshop will be led by the full-time line clearance crew at Plymouth Utilities, the only municipal utility in Wisconsin to employ a crew dedicated to maintaining vegetation along more than 300 miles of distribution lines across two counties, 10 townships, and in the Plymouth city limits. The crew is comprised of **Gary Schallock** and **Bruce Pfeifer**. An International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist, Gary joined the Plymouth Utilities team in 2015, bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience gained through 18 years as a private arborist. Before joining Plymouth Utilities five years ago, Bruce worked as a finish carpenter, and now uses that attention to detail and wood-cutting skill outdoors among the trees. **Aaron Hau**, who now works as Electric Meter Tech at Plymouth, also will train workshop participants to share his previous 13 years of line clearance knowledge and experience.

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**Training Site**

**Plymouth Utilities** — 900 County Road PP, Plymouth

A room block is available for those needing overnight lodging; please call Mallory Conradt at (608) 469-6009 for details

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**Register Online at MEUW.ORG**

$275 per person for MEUW members; $350 for others

Discount available for multiple attendees from the same utility. First registrant is full price; $25 discount for others.

**Seating is limited to the first 25 registrants for each session** (wait list available if session sells out)

Deadline to register is Friday, Sept. 16

Cancellations are subject to MEUW Policy.

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**Workshop organized by**

Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin

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**Questions?** Call the MEUW Office at (608) 837-2263

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Participants are responsible to bring their own hard hats, rubber gloves, safety glasses, rubber sleeves, and chainsaws