



One-Day Hands-on Workshop

Advanced Tree Trimming for Lineworkers

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

— 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 —

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.

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

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

TRAINING SITE

Plymouth Utilities — 900 County Road PP, Plymouth

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

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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