



## Chainsaw Safety & Cutting Techniques

**Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

**8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Classroom - Westport (MA) Highway Dept. Building 820 Main Road Westport, MA**

**(classroom training approximately 3- 3 1/2 hrs)**

**Hands-on Location - In Back of the Highway Dept. Building**

**(boxed lunch will be provided)**

This course is designed to educate personnel who use a chainsaw about safety, maintenance, use and handling. Participants will gain an understanding in what contributes to accidents and how to avoid them. Hands on and practical work planning strategies, including bucking and limbing, understanding compression and tension and dealing with spring poles will be coached and practiced in this course. Notching and back cutting will be introduced for small tree felling (trees of approximately six inches in diameter at chest height - 6" dbh).

There is a strong focus on personal safety, risk assessment and accident prevention. Training workers and developing skills that reduce variables and mitigate risks associated with chainsaw s and cutting techniques is the general theme of this course. This course complies with OSHA 1910.266, and ANSI Z133 standards for safe chainsaw use.

### To Participate in this training you will need:

- Arborist or Forestry Helmet
- Hearing protection (Muffs or Plugs)
- Eye protection (ANSI Z87)
  - Face Screen
  - Work gloves
- High viz vest/jacket/outerwear (ANSI Class 2 or equivalent)
- ASTM F1897 (2014) UL approved chainsaw protective pants or chaps (NON-UL labeled chaps or pants will not be allowed)
  - Approved work boots (ANSI or CE approved)
- Clothing appropriate for outdoor weather conditions (our courses run rain or shine; long pants – not shorts)

### Presenter: North American Training Solutions

**MATT CARRUTHERS**  
**LEAD INSTRUCTOR AND LEAD SAFETY PROFESSIONAL**

Years of Experience: 19  
 Joined NATS: 2009  
 Where I'm From: Vermont

Why I love being a trainer: I love the opportunity to meet amazing individuals and learn and share knowledge to help progress the arboricultural industry.

Credentials:

- First Aid/CPR Certification Instructor
- OSHA 511
- OSHA 30-Hour General Industry Training with Arboricultural Emphasis
- NCCCO-Certified Mobile Crane Operator
- Chainsaw Train the Trainer
- Associates Degree in Arboriculture

This course meets the ANSI/ASSEZ490.1 Criteria for Accepted Practices in Safety, Health and Environmental Training. Certificates will be issued by North American Training Resolution.

Participation in this training qualifies the MIIA member for 1% credit under the MIIA Rewards Workers' Compensation category.

