



Hazard & Danger Cutting with Storm Cleanup

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

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

Classroom: Public Safety Facility, 371 Main Street, Acton MA

Hands-on training: Great Hill Conservation Land.

(Attendees should GPS to 60R School St, Acton, MA 01720.)

Parking is available behind the Acton Fire Dept, Station

(light breakfast and lunch provided)

This course specifically meets the challenges of trees found in high-risk environments. Many workers are often required to use chainsaws in high-risk environments such as during or after storms. These same workers are often required to cut and remove trees that are toppled, uprooted or that are caught and suspended on buildings, power lines or other trees. Coaching and “hands-on” practice is a key aspect of this course. Participants are educated in risk assessment and work plan strategies designed to ensure worker safety through work planning, teamwork, and specialty cutting techniques and equipment. Explanation, demonstration, and practice using ropes, P.M.P.’s (Prusik Minding Pulleys), and mechanical advantage are an integral part of this course. The installation and use of pull lines, guying, and anchoring methods and techniques used to overcome felling difficulties such as snags, excessive lean and decay challenges completes this practical and advanced technical chainsaw course.

Eligibility Recommendations: Experienced chainsaw operators who are trained in basic chainsaw safety, use, and maintenance or who have prior chainsaw training, or considerable experience in the use of chainsaws.

Topics addressed in this course

chainsaw operation; tree cutting hazards, technical cutting, storm cleanup.

Personal Protective Equipment Required

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)

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

Years of Experience: 19
Joined NATS: 2009

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
- Associate 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.



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