

# Evansville Tree Pruner's Licensing

## **How to receive the license:**

- 1) Attend the Tree Pruner's Licensing seminar every 3 years, **or** show proof that you are currently a Certified Arborist<sup>®</sup> through the International Society of Arboriculture.
- 2) Give the city arborist a copy of your Certificate of insurance showing a minimum of \$100,000 commercial general liability insurance and...
  - a. Workers compensation insurance if you have employees. If you have workers compensation insurance, then only one representative needs to come to the class.
  - b. Or, if you do not have workers compensation insurance, because you have no employees, which is the only exception, then every partner/person that works on the job site with you needs to come to the class prior to working with you. In this case, you will have to fill out our waiver form for the worker's compensation insurance, of which, a new one must be filled out January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**How to maintain your license:** If you receive a license card from us it will have an expiration date on it. That expiration date will either be 3 years from the date you come to the class, or when your insurance expires (or January 1 if you don't have worker's comp insurance and have filled out the waiver), whichever comes first. **It is your responsibility to keep your license up to date. Please make sure you do the following to keep your license up to date.**

- 1) Make sure we get a copy of your certificate of insurance when it is renewed.
- 2) Make sure you come to the class every 3 years. It would be advisable to come a few months early, in case you cannot make the very last class that is available before your license expires.
- 3) If you received your license by filling out the worker's comp waiver form...
  - a. Then you will be required to fill another one out, January first, of each year, to maintain your license.
  - b. You will also be required to make new partners attend the class **before** they begin working with you.

**Dangers of working without Workers Compensation Insurance:** health insurance and liability insurance will not cover medical bills, disability expenses, or loss of work expenses if your claim is work related. Workers compensation insurance covers all persons working on the job site including business owners and partners, so long as it is set up that way.