

**CODE OF ETHICS  
FOR  
CERTIFIED ARBORISTS**

The foundation of ethics is a moral philosophy of honesty, justice and courtesy with mutual interest among men. The canons set forth here are an expression of this philosophy. The arborist recognizes these canons, not in passive observance, but as dynamic principles guiding his conduct.

PROFESSIONALISM

1. I will utilize my knowledge and skills as an arborist for the benefit of society. I will cooperate in extending the effectiveness of arboriculture by interchanging information and experience with other arborists, and by contributing to the work of related societies, associations, schools, and publications.
2. I will advertise only in a dignified manner, setting forth in truthful and factual statements the services I am prepared to render for my prospective clients and for the public.

RELATIONS WITH THE PUBLIC

3. I will strive to increase my knowledge of arboriculture and the dissemination of this knowledge, and will discourage and condemn the spreading of untrue, unfair, and exaggerated statements concerning arboriculture.
4. I will not issue statements, criticism, or arguments on public policies related to arboriculture without indicating on whose behalf I am acting.
5. If serving as an expert witness on matters concerning arboriculture, I will base my testimony on known facts and without personal bias.
6. I will not express publicly an opinion on a subject relating to arboriculture unless I am informed of the related facts, and will not distort or withhold data for the purpose of substantiating a point of view.

RELATIONS WITH CLIENTS AND EMPLOYERS

7. I will be loyal to my client or my employer and will faithfully perform my work and assignments.
8. I will give clients complete and fair estimates of work to be done, and upon completion, will furnish a complete accounting of work done and materials applied.

9. I will practice tree topping only as an emergency measure or at the client's insistence after clearly explaining the consequences of such action, and presenting the proper alternative.
10. I will not, without the full knowledge and consent of my client or employer, have an interest in any business which may influence my judgement in regard to the work for which I am engaged.
11. I will engage, or advise my client or employer to engage other experts or specialists in arboriculture and related fields whenever the clients or employees interest would be best served by such actions, and will cooperate freely with them in their work.

#### RELATIONS WITH FELLOW ARBORISTS

12. I will strive to hold standards of certification for arborists, and will encourage and actively help others achieve these standards.
13. I will not intentionally and without just cause, directly or indirectly, injure the reputation or business of another arborist.
14. I will not compete with another arborist on the basis of charges for work by underbidding through reduction of his quoted fee after being informed of the fee quoted by a competitor.
15. I will not use the advantages of a salaried position to compete unfairly with another arborist.
16. If I have substantiated evidence of unethical or fraudulent conduct concerning another arborist, I will present the information to the Kansas Arborists Association Board of Directors.

I hereby subscribe to the Code of Ethics for Certified Arborists as set forth by the Kansas Arborists Association and promise to uphold them to the best of my ability.

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Signature

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Date