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The ISA Certification Program improves the level of knowledge and standard of practice within the tree care profession.

“It’s an intense training in order to be certified in how to trim trees, identify and care for diseased trees and the proper application of fertilizer and nutrients,” explained Kopel.

The program is designed to assist the public in identifying those professionals in arboriculture who have demonstrated, through a professionally developed examination and education program, a thorough knowledge of tree care practices. All Certified Arborists carry a wallet identification card for verification. Certification is valid for three years.

The ISA is a scientific and educational organization devoted to the dissemination of information in the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees.

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