

CERTIFIED ONTARIO TREE MARKERS

Objectives

The principal objectives of Certified Ontario Tree Markers are: (1) to develop and promote sound stewardship of Ontario's forest resources where harvesting is carried out using partial-harvest systems; (2) to take an active role in preventing forest degradation resulting from inappropriate harvesting through the use of partial-harvesting systems; (3) to increase awareness and appreciation of the value of tree marking in partial-harvest systems; and (4) to seek the highest standards in all tree marking activities in Ontario's forests.

Code of Ethics

Each Certified Tree Marker, in striving to meet silvicultural objectives related to sustainable forest management, pledges to:

1. endeavour to promote public awareness and knowledge of the values of tree marking in its application to partial-harvest systems;
2. mark all forests, regardless of size or ownership, consistent with appropriate silvicultural systems and maintenance of ecological integrity;
3. ensure that employers are aware of the consequences of deviating from a proposed marking scheme should the marker's professional marking judgement be over-ruled by uncertified authority;
4. undertake only such tree marking work that the marker is deemed competent to perform by virtue of training, experience and certification;
5. subscribe to the highest standards of integrity and conduct, and show pride in their accomplishments;
6. promote competence in tree marking by supporting, and encouraging in others, high standards of education, employment and performance;
7. immediately disclose any conflict of interest, either direct or indirect, which might be construed as prejudicial to their professional judgement in rendering services to their client; and
8. keep all clients' affairs, practices and processes in the strictest confidence unless released from your obligation by the client.