



## Code of Ethics for the European Tree Worker and the European Tree Technician

EAC and arborists in general shall agree to the following Code of Ethics in order to promote in a professional manner, the arboricultural industry throughout Europe and other countries.

They shall:

- Offer their arboricultural services in an unbiased, confidential, truthful and responsible manner.
- Comply to the accepted Best Practice Standards relating to arboricultural matters and national laws and policies within their working area.
- Be aware that:
  - trees are living organisms that deserve our respect
  - trees have numerous benefits for the environment and are essential for our well-being
  - any intervention to a tree will have an effect on the life and further development of the tree.
- Apply Safe Working Practice and Procedures and use appropriate and homologated equipment at all times to ensure the safety for themselves, including all co-workers and the general public
- Shall not misrepresent themselves by selling services or skills they do not possess, but rather seek more qualified assistance.
- Must exercise their professional judgement impartially to the best of their skill and understanding.



- Should avoid conduct that could cause a conflict of interest with any client, employer, employee, other professionals, affiliated trades or members of the public.
- Must have the necessary insurance to realistically cover any potential damage or injury claims.
- Be aware that they are a part of a professional collective aiming for the well-being of trees and to always consider the best interests of biodiversity in their work.
- Be aware that any operation carried out may affect the image and prestige of the arboricultural profession.

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