

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

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Revised ANSI A300 Integrated Vegetation Management Standard Provides New Service Opportunities for Arborists

Date/Time/Session: **WEDNESDAY, 5.01.2019, 3:30:00 PM, in the UTILITY FORESTRY session**

Presentation Length: **45 minutes**

Presented by: **Geoff Kempter**

Co-Presenter (if scheduled): **NA**



Overview of Presentation:

ANSI Standards for Tree Care are used by arborists to develop work specifications and training for employees. ANSI A300 Part 7, Integrated Vegetation Management, was revised in 2018, and its scope was expanded beyond utility ROW to include any land use setting. This revision offers arborists an opportunity to expand their scope of services, using proven methods to manage vegetation for clients to achieve a variety of objectives, including roadside vegetation, restoration of disturbed sites, invasive species control, maintaining vegetation at a certain height (e.g. maintaining views, protecting solar arrays, etc), wildlife habitat restoration, and other management objectives that involve manipulation of vegetative cover type. This presentation describes methods for controlling invasives, an important consideration in Hawaii and beyond.

Presenter Bio:

Geoff Kempter is Technical Services Manager for Asplundh. He has been Certified Arborist since 1991, and has served on the ANSI A300 Committee for more than 20 years. He is co-author of Utility Arboriculture, a Study Guide for the ISA Utility Specialist Exam, ISA's BMP for Utility Pruning, and many other articles and publications. He has presented at conferences across North America. He holds a degree in Natural Resources from the University of Michigan.