

Industrial Director

Bill Black, Winkler's Tree Service

Bill attended Western Illinois University, graduating in 2010 with a degree in Agricultural Science and a Specialization in Forestry. His areas of expertise include chainsaw use and safety training, aerial rescue, certified chipper safety trainer, climbing, urban forestry, plant healthcare, soil hydrology, landscape design, and equipment service. But Bill's passion for the green movement and the landscape industry actually goes back 16 years to his first job with the Cary Park District.

After graduation, Bill began his career with Autumn Tree Care (SavATree). During his years of service at Autumn, he gained valuable industry experience, most notably while volunteering a month of his time assisting with Hurricane Sandy clean-up.

Looking to advance his knowledge of industry training and customer relations, Bill took a position with Alexander Equipment Company in Lisle, Illinois. During his 6 years at Alexander Equipment, Bill expanded his involvement with safety education in the tree industry by performing trainings on newly purchased machines and leading the arborist sales equipment division. He also represented Alexander at various trade shows, events, and expos building his brand and networking with other industry leaders. Currently, Bill is a sales arborist for Winkler's Tree Service specializing in complex removals and village/city contracts. Bill also conducts a weekly safety meeting for the employees of Winkler to help limit work-related accidents and promote a safe environment.

Bill recently graduated from TCIA's CTSP Program, and has taught at different IAA and municipal programs.

As Industrial director Bill has helped the IAA host successful Southern and Annual conferences, resulting in last year's booth space being sold out. Bills' latest project involves working with our committees to create new student interactions at our Annual Conference by identifying and mentoring future arborists. Bill's passion for Arboriculture resonates throughout his career and his commitments to the industry.

In his free time, Bill enjoys gardening, landscape design, and volunteering for a local dog rescue organization.

Bill looks forward to the opportunity of serving on the IAA Board for many years to come, providing best in class support to our board, members, and arborists.