



Tree Trimmer

Job Specification
Classification: Non-competitive
Level: 1 of 1

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is the stand-alone classification for the efficient performance of a variety of activities working with trees such as trimming, spraying, transplanting, and felling. May lead a small crew of subordinates on tree caring projects. The incumbent does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

- Operates and maintains a variety of grounds maintenance equipment, and machines, which includes: lawn mowers, edgers, trimmers, blowers, chippers, saws, and other related hand and power tools.
- Performs grounds and tree maintenance activities which includes: mowing; edging lawns; trimming and pruning trees; performing weed abatement activities; removing graffiti, transplanting trees, and/or performing other related activities.
- May serve as a lead to grounds keeping crews which includes: assigning and monitoring work; providing direction; organizing and assigning daily activities related to tree caring projects, and/or performing other related activities.
- Performs setup, maintenance, and removal of seasonal decorations.
- Plants, transplants, removes, stakes, fertilizes, and cultivates grass, trees, bushes, and flowers; aerates, grades, renovates, and seeds grass areas; prepares soil for planting.
- Operates and maintains snow removal equipment; monitors areas of city of snow and ice removal.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of:

- Tree planting, fertilizing, renovating, and maintenance practices;
- Grounds maintenance principles and practices;
- Applicable equipment, materials, and tools used in grounds maintenance activities;
- Safe work practices.

Ability to:

- Maintain trees around city and other grounds;
- Maintain records of tasks and operations;
- Operate and maintain applicable grounds maintenance equipment and tools;
- Follow oral and written instructions;
- Communicate using interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and 2 years of experience in tree removal, trimming or pruning.

Licensing requirements: Valid NYS driver's license appropriate for the vehicles to be driven.

SPECIAL NECESSARY REQUIREMENT:

Candidate must obtain Line Clearance Arborist certification or equivalent certification within 1 year of appointment. Must maintain certification for continued employment.

Classification history:

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