

TREE TRIMMER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

The work involves performing semi-skilled tasks in connection with the pruning, trimming, spraying, transplanting and felling of trees. This class differs from that of Tree Climber because Tree Trimmers normally work on the ground instead of from a bucket or in the trees. The work is performed under direct supervision. Supervision of the work of others is not a normal function of the Class.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

1. Trims, thins and tops trees;
2. Removes dangerous limbs;
3. Braces and cables large leaders and limbs;
4. Uses ropes, pruning poles, files and other tools and equipment in pruning activities;
5. Executes rigging work;
6. May operate aerial lift truck;
7. Uses and repairs chain saws;
8. May operate motor vehicles and light construction equipment;
9. May assist in snow and ice control activities;
10. Does related work as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Working knowledge of the practices, materials and methods used in tree felling, spraying and trimming; working knowledge of pruning and shearing of trees and shrubs; skills in trimming and felling trees; ability to work under dangerous conditions; ability to understand and follow simple oral and written directions; mechanical aptitude; dependability; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

One (1) year of experience trimming trees.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

Candidates must possess a valid New York State Class B Commercial driver's license at time of appointment and maintain such license while in the title. This license must contain no restrictions other than those relating to personal physical conditions. Such restrictions will be reviewed on a case by case basis for compatibility with job duties and will not be an automatic bar to employment.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT - DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Candidates must possess a valid New York State Class B Commercial driver's license permit at time of appointment. They must obtain the Class B license within six months of appointment and maintain such license while in the title. This license must contain no restrictions other than those relating to personal physical conditions. Such restrictions will be reviewed on a case by case basis for compatibility with job duties and will not be an automatic bar to employment.

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