



**DUTCHESS COUNTY
CLASS SPECIFICATION**

TREE CLIMBER

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DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

This position is responsible for the pruning, trimming, and spraying, transplanting and felling of trees. This class differs from that of Tree Trimmers because Tree Climbers normally work from a bucket or in the trees. The incumbent is required to work from aerial lift trucks and may climb into the trees to remove large branches. Work is performed under general supervision. Supervision may be exercised over the work of subordinate personnel.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

The following is indicative of the level and types of activities performed by incumbents in this title. It is not meant to be all inclusive and does not preclude a supervisor from assigning activities not listed which could reasonably be expected to be performed by an employee in this title.

1. Works from aerial lift trucks to trim, thin, and top trees and remove dangerous limbs;
2. Uses ropes, pruning poles, files and other tools and equipment in pruning activities;
3. May climb into trees to remove dangerous limbs;
4. Maintains and cleans tools, equipment and vehicles including, but not limited to: shovels, rakes, forks, brooms, tampers, rollers, chains, saws (including sharpening), axes and clippers;
5. Operates a variety of portable power and mechanized equipment such as, but not limited to: chain saws, power drive and impact tools, etc.;
6. May perform semi-skilled carpentry: cutting lumber, building saw horses or repairing equipment, etc.;
7. May participate in the care of lawns and the care and trimming of shrubbery and trees;
8. May perform minor tasks of a semi-skilled nature;
9. May assist in snow and ice control activities.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Good knowledge of the practices, tools, materials and safety procedures used to trim, thin and top trees; good knowledge of pruning and shearing of trees and shrubs; skill in trimming and felling trees; ability to work at considerable height 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:

Two (2) years of work experience involving pruning, trimming, spraying, transplanting and felling of trees.



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SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

Candidates must possess a valid New York State Class B Commercial Driver's License at time of application and to maintain position. 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.

COUNTY USE ONLY:

BARGAINING UNIT/GRADE: CSEA-8 / 12		JURISDICTIONAL CLASSIFICATION: Non-Competitive					
EEO Category: Service/Maintenance	FLSA Code: OT Eligible	WC Code: 0106 – Tree Work			NYSLRS Job Code: 04200E		
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