

ASSISTANT TREE CLIMBER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

Performs semi-skilled tasks in connection with the pruning, trimming and spraying, transplanting and felling of trees. This class is distinguishing from the Tree Trimmer class in that incumbents are required to climb trees and work from aerial lift trucks while tree trimmers work on the ground. This class is distinguished from the Tree Climber class because the Assistant Tree Climber does not have supervisory responsibilities. The work is performed under the direct supervision of Tree Maintenance Supervisor or Tree Climber.

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. Climbs trees in performing the above activities;
7. Operates aerial lift truck and related equipment;
8. Maintains and makes minor repairs to pruning and trimming equipment;
9. Uses and repairs chain saws;
10. Operates shredding and brush chipping equipment;
11. May assist in snow and ice control activities;
12. Does related work as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of the practices, materials and methods used in tree felling, spraying, tree trimming; good knowledge of pruning and shearing of trees and shrubs; skill in trimming and felling trees; ability to climb and 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:

One (1) year of full-time paid experience in tree maintenance, tree removal or trimming of trees. Experience climbing trees is required in order to be considered for this position. Candidate needs to indicate experience that includes the safe operation, care, and maintenance of various hand and power tools, including hand saws, gas-powered chain saws, and/or other equipment related to tree maintenance and/or removal activities.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

Candidates must possess a valid New York State Class B Commercial Driver's License or Learner's Permit at time of application. Must possess valid New York State Class B Commercial Driver's License at completion of probation period 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. **A copy of the current /valid license or learner's permit is required at time of application to be able to be considered for appointment.**

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