

TREE TRIMMER I

NATURE AND VARIETY OF WORK

This is entry-level skilled and manual work in the tree service occupation. Incumbents perform routine and less complex assignments in the maintenance and removal of trees either individually or as a member of a crew in accordance with departmental safety policies and procedures. This work requires the routine operation of manual and powered tools and aerial lift equipment at hazardous heights under varying weather conditions. The position incumbent works under the close supervision of a higher level supervisor.

Upon the satisfactory completion of a probationary period, incumbents may be non-competitively promoted to the II full performance level subject to management's discretion.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY)

Performs routine and less complex tree service duties and responsibilities.

Climbs trees using safety saddle, ropes, safety belt, spurs, and aerial lift in order to service trees by pruning, repairing, bracing and cabling, removing broken limbs or stripping tree tops prior to removal of the tree.

Inspects trees for defects such as rot, splits and dead wood. Inspects trees for diseases; consults and follows instructions of senior level employee before embarking upon removal procedures.

Learns and applies proper operating procedures for power pruner, power saws, chippers, aerial lift and other special tree service equipment.

Trims tree from the ground as directed.

Raises tools and equipment by rope to journeyman exercising appropriate safety precautions and procedures.

Assists in sharpening and maintenance of hand saw and hand tools.

Fuels up chain saws.

Gathers and feeds brush through chipper as directed.

Cuts up wood, limbs and tree trunks felled by tree trimmer.

Assists in loading brush and debris on to truck.

May be required to drive flatbed to haul brush.

Serves as flagman when required.

Participates in snow removal operations and other manual tasks when weather conditions preclude tree maintenance activities.

Willingly and cooperatively performs tasks and duties which may not be specifically listed in the class specification or position description, but which are within the general occupational category and responsibility level typically associated with the employee's class of work.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Working knowledge of the methods, materials and tools used in tree service and related arboricultural work.

Ability to learn the methods, materials and tools used in shade tree service and related arboricultural work.

Ability to learn appropriate safety precautions practiced in shade tree maintenance work using specialized tree service equipment.

Ability to learn a wide variety of skilled tasks required in shade tree service and maintenance work.

Ability to acquire skill in climbing trees and work at excessive heights.

Ability to work cooperatively with others.

Ability to read and write.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Completion of high school with a diploma or a GED equivalent; plus experience in the tree service trade or closely related skilled work; or any equivalent combination of experience

and training.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Good physical condition.

Possession of a valid driver's license.

Willingness to work outdoors in all kinds of weather.

Willingness to respond to emergency service calls after regular work hours.

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