

## TREE TRIMMER II

### NATURE AND VARIETY OF WORK

This is full performance skilled and manual work in the tree service occupation. Incumbents at this level perform the full range of tree maintenance and removal activities either individually or as a member of a crew in accordance with departmental safety policies and procedures. This work requires the extensive operation of manual and powered tools and aerial lift equipment at hazardous heights under varying weather conditions. Work is performed under the general supervision of a Tree Trimmer III or higher level equivalent supervisor.

### EXAMPLES OF WORK (ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY)

Performs the full range of 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, determines the extent of diseases and damage, and determines whether to remove the tree.

Operates power pruner, power saws, chippers, trucks, aerial lift and other special tree service equipment.

Assists in providing orientation and instruction to crew as required.

May be required to serve as crew driver or to drive flatbed.

May serve as crew chief during the absence of the supervisor.

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 shade tree service and related arboricultural work.

Working knowledge of the safety precautions practiced in shade tree maintenance work using specialized tree service equipment.

Skill in the use of various tools, equipment and materials of the trade.

Ability to recognize various diseases and conditions of trees.

Ability and skill in climbing trees and working at excessive heights.

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Ability to observe and apply proper safety precautions.

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Completion of high school with a diploma or a GED equivalent; plus experience in the tree service trade; or an equivalent combination of experience and training that provides the necessary knowledges, skills and abilities.

#### CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Good physical condition.

Possession of a valid Maryland 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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