

## TREE TRIMMER III

### NATURE AND VARIETY OF WORK

This is lead/supervisory skilled and manual work in the tree service occupation. Incumbents lead/supervise the tree maintenance and removal activities of a crew in accordance with established departmental policies and procedures. As a crew member, this work requires the extensive operation of manual and powered tools, and aerial equipment at hazardous heights under varying weather conditions. Work is performed under general supervision and is evaluated based upon the attainment of departmental goals and objectives.

### EXAMPLES OF WORK (ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY)

Leads/coordinates tree trimming crews in the maintenance and removal of County street and park trees.

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 diseases, determines the extent of disease and damage, and determines whether to remove the tree.

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

Prepares and submits purchasing requisitions for all tools, equipment, and services necessary to accomplish routine work activities.

Reports daily to management time, materials and work accomplishments.

Receives work orders and organizes men and materials to effect prompt completion of assignments.

Performs preventive maintenance tasks on equipment.

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

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

Thorough knowledge of the occupational hazards and safety precautions of the tree trimming occupation.

Knowledge of applicable traffic laws, Forest Warden regulations, County highway regulations and Personal Property regulations as related to tree trimming and removal.

Thorough knowledge of care and use of applicable tools, equipment and materials used in the occupation.

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

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

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Ability to recognize various diseases and conditions of trees.

Ability to communicate orally and in writing.

Ability to lead and/or supervise subordinates.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Completion of high school with a diploma or a GED equivalent, plus two (2) years of experience in the tree service trade with one (1) year in a lead/supervisory capacity; or an 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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