

TREE TRIMMER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under supervision, an incumbent of this class performs a variety of skilled maintenance work on trees, shrubs and related plant material. The work includes trimming, climbing, spraying, fertilizing, transplanting, and removal of trees. Responsibilities also include maintaining the safety, beauty and/or the health of County woodlands. In addition, incumbents may perform general semi-skilled tasks in the maintenance and repair of various installations, roads, parks or facilities of the County. The incumbent may act as "lead" in a crew. This position requires periodic training in the principles and practice of arboriculture. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Perform the proper trimming and treatment of trees;

Removes dead, diseased or otherwise hazardous trees and/or branches and shrubs;

Climbs trees to reach branches using climbing equipment;

Prunes trees using handsaws, pruning poles, and power saws;

Operates machinery such as chain saws, bucket truck, brush chippers, stump grinders, etc. to maintain trees and shrubs;

Operates power sprayers to apply pesticides and fertilizers on trees and shrubs;

Cables trees, treats wounds, removes diseased areas, etc., to maintain the health and safety of County woodlands;

Participates in planting, removal, transplanting, and pruning of shrubs and trees;

May act as a flag person;

Performs routine semi-skilled manual tasks such as snow shoveling, trenching, operating motor equipment and snow removal equipment, loading and/or unloading trucks, making minor repairs (carpentry, plumbing, etc.), building and repairing chain saws/power saws, etc., as needed;

Operates automotive equipment, such as trucks, bucket trucks, tractors, chippers;

Maintains a continuing awareness of Arboriculture theory and practice to use the best methods of preserving woodlands;

Performs daily inspection and routine maintenance on equipment used in the care, including brush chippers, stumpgrinders, chain saws, etc.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Good knowledge of the principles, practices and methods of arboriculture such as tree trimming, tree felling, tree spraying; good knowledge of safety precautions associated with tree work; good knowledge of common plant material, the growth requirements and pests and diseases; familiarity with the principles and methods of planting, cultivating, transplanting; skill in the use of equipment of the trade, including power and hand saws and power sprayers; ability to climb trees, using rope and saddle technique and work in high places as required; ability to operate a variety of mechanical equipment; ability to work alone or with others; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

REQUIRED SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS: Physical ability to perform demanding tasks over a prolonged period of time out-of-doors.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Either (a) high school or equivalency diploma and two years of varied experience in tree work including climbing and working in trees; or (b) six years experience in tree care including climbing and working in trees; or (c) a satisfactory equivalent combination of training and experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- (1) Depending on work assignment must possess a valid Commercial Drivers license to operate a motor vehicle in New York State.
- (2) Depending on work assignment may be required to be a Certified Pesticide Applicator in New York State, within the appropriate category.
- (3) Depending on work assignment, must meet standards of OSHA regulation 1910.134 Respiratory Protection, and will be required to meet Federal, State and local standards with respect to health and safety.