

TREE TRIMMER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The incumbent of this position performs semi-skilled tasks in connection with the maintenance, pruning, trimming, spraying, transplanting, and felling of trees. This is routine skilled work involving responsibility for the efficient performance of assignments requiring a practical working knowledge of tree surgery practices. The work includes trimming, climbing, spraying, fertilizing, transplanting and removal of trees. Employees in this class receive instructions from a supervisor indicating work to be done and work methods to be used. Supervision may be occasionally exercised over other members of a tree-climbing crew. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Trims, thins, and tops trees;

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

Climbs trees to reach branches using climbing equipment;

Prunes trees using handsaw, pruning poles and power saw;

Fells large trees, bracing and cabling larger leaders and limbs;

Cleans and fills tree cavity: applies tree wound dressing;

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

Uses ropes, pruning poles, files and other tools and equipment in pruning activities;

Participates in other park labor such as planting, cultivating, transplanting, pruning, and shearing shrubs and trees, and in filling, rolling, weeding, mowing, and fertilizing grass plots;

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

Performs daily inspection and routine maintenance on equipment used;

When not employed on the above work, performs a variety of other manual tasks such as shoveling snow, sanding streets, and collecting garbage;

May use computer applications or other automated systems such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, e-mail and database software in performing work assignments.

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REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Good knowledge of the practices, materials, and methods used in tree felling, tree spraying, tree trimming, and tree surgery; knowledge of the planting, cultivating, transplanting, pruning, and shearing of trees and shrubs; skill in trimming and felling trees and in performing tree surgery; ability to climb and to work at considerable height under dangerous conditions; ability to understand and follow simple oral and written directions; ability to effectively use computer applications such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, e-mail and database software; ability to read, write, speak, understand and communicate in English sufficiently to perform the essential duties of the position; mechanical aptitude; dependability; physical condition commensurate with the duties of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Either: (a): graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and one (1) year of work experience which involved tree work such as trimming, chipping and removal of trees; or (b): five (5) years of experience as in (a) above.

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.