

Posted: June 21, 2016
Dept: Highway
Grade 11, Step 1
Salary: \$53,364.00
Respond to Human
Resources
(*Additional information
below)
By June 28, 2016

Tree Trimmer/Motor Equipment Operator

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:

Performs semi-skilled tasks in connection with the maintenance, pruning, trimming, spraying, transplanting, and felling of trees; operates one or more types of automotive equipment and performs a variety of manual tasks in connection with such operations; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

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, class perform recurring manual duties in connection with the operation of moderately complex motor equipment, such as a tractor, truck with a power take off unit, power mower, snow loader, concrete mixer, snow plow, automobile or omnibus. Incumbents are responsible for the safe and economical operation and care of their equipment on assigned tasks. Supervision may be occasionally exercised over other members of a tree-climbing crew.

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, operates automotive equipment in connection with the collection of garbage, rubbish, trash, ashes, snow and in the transportation of sand, stone, gravel, and other construction or demolition materials and/or supplies;

Operates a tractor or truck with a power mower, snow loader, concrete mixer, patching rollers, under ten tons, road graders or related equipment;
Performs a variety of other manual tasks such as shoveling snow, sanding streets, and collecting garbage.

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; good knowledge of the operation of trucks, tractors, and other automotive equipment; good knowledge of the safety standards of the trade; ability to understand and follow simple oral and written directions; 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 experience as a tree climber and/or trimmer or closely related field; or (b) five (5) years of experience as in (a) above; or (c) a satisfactory equivalent combination of the foregoing training and experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

(1) Depending on work assignment must possess a valid Commercial driver's license, Class B, (CDLB) to operate a motor vehicle in New York State. Depending on equipment to be operated, appropriate endorsements (i.e., air brakes, hazardous materials, passenger endorsements) may be required. Under New York State Law, applicants for the CDL must be 21 years old.

(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.

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