

TREE TRIMMER

Code No.: 3-15-022
NON-COMPETITIVE*

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a skilled position in a County or Town Public Works Department responsible for performing semi-skilled work involving pruning, trimming, spraying, transplanting and cutting of trees and shrubs. The employee may be required to work at considerable heights. The employee reports directly to and works under the direct supervision of a higher-level staff member. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (All need not be performed in a given position. Other related activities may be performed although not listed.)

Trims, thins, and tops trees as directed;

Removes dangerous and dead limbs as directed;

Assists in felling trees, digs excavations, and chops out stumps;

Sprays trees and shrubs;

Braces and cables large leaders and limbs;

Cleans tree cavities;

Cleans, sharpens and maintains power saws;

Drives and operates a bucket truck/aerial lift, dump truck and trailer equipment;

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

Participates in other Public Works Department activities such as road maintenance, plowing, planting etc, when needed.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of the practices, methods, and materials used in tree felling, tree spraying, tree trimming, and tree surgery; working knowledge of the planting, cultivating, transplanting and pruning of trees and shrubs; working knowledge of botany, plant growth and soils; working knowledge of plant diseases and insect infestation; working knowledge of safety practices in the forestry field; skill in climbing and felling trees; skill in operating and driving a bucket truck/aerial lift; willingness to learn approved methods of tree surgery; ability to climb and work at considerable height; ability to understand and follow oral and written directions; mechanical aptitude; carefulness and precaution; dependability and reliability; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma plus six (6) months paid full-time or its part-time/volunteer equivalent experience as a tree climber and trimmer or as an Apprentice Tree Trimmer.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Possession of a valid New York State Class CDL*B* license at time of appointment.

Monroe County Civil Service Commission

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* Approved Non-Competitive for all Towns on April 7, 2009 by State Civil Service Commission action
* Approved Non-Competitive at Monroe County for 1 position ONLY