

TREE TRIMMER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

This position involves responsibility for performing skilled work related to pruning, trimming, planting, transplanting, felling and removing trees in a municipality. An incumbent operates motor equipment in the performance of his or her duties. The work is performed under the general supervision of the Superintendent of Public works with considerable freedom allowed to exercise independent judgement in carrying out the work. An incumbent may serve as a lead worker in tree related work involving other public work employees. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Trims, thins and tops trees including removing dangerous limbs utilizing an aerial ladder truck and a chain saw and other pruning devices such as ropes, pruning poles and files;

Fells large trees;

Braces and cables large leaders and limbs;

Inspects trees for disease or damage and reports on their condition to the Superintendent of Public Works;

Diagnoses and treats damaged or diseased trees including applying tree wound dressings;

Educates and interacts with the public regarding tree related questions;

Serves as lead worker in tree related projects involving other city employees;

Plants and transplants trees;

Operates a backhoe and a truck to remove and transport tree stumps or transplanted trees;

Keeps records related to tree trimming, removal, transplanting and other work-related activities;

Reports orally and in writing to the Superintendent of Public Works as required.

TREE TRIMMER – contd.**FULL PERFORMANCE, KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Good knowledge of the principles and practices of arboricultural and urban forestry including the planting, growth, maintenance and protection of trees;

Good knowledge of principles and practices of rigging ropes, cables and pulleys used in trimming, removing and bracing trees;

Working knowledge of record keeping;

Ability to performed skilled-work related to pruning, trimming, planting, transplanting, felling and removing trees;

Ability to operate work-related equipment including chain saws, pruning poles and files;

Ability to operate an aerial truck and a back-hoe;

Ability to act as a lead worker in projects involving other employees;

Ability to maintain work records;

Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing;

Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from high school or possession of a high school diploma and two (2) years of experience caring for trees that included trimming, pruning, felling and planting and transplanting trees.

Note: Successful completion of coursework in arboriculture, forestry, urban forestry or a closely related field at a regionally accredited college or university, or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees, may be substituted for the required experience with three semester credit hours being equivalent to three months of experience up to one year.

Special Requirement:

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Possession of an appropriate level New York State Driver's license at time of appointment.