



DUTCHESS COUNTY
CLASS SPECIFICATION

Tree Trimmer

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DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

The work involves performing semi-skilled tasks in connection with the pruning, trimming, spraying, transplanting and felling of trees. This class differs from that of Tree Climber because Tree Trimmers normally work on the ground instead of from a bucket or in the trees. The work is performed under direct supervision. Supervision of the work of others is not a normal function of the Class. This position is subject to pre-employment DOT drug testing and ongoing DOT drug and alcohol testing in accordance with DOT guidelines.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Typical work activities for incumbents in this title include those listed below in addition to those work activities performed by lower level titles in the series. They are indicative of the level and types of activities performed by incumbents in this title. They are not meant to be all inclusive and do not preclude a supervisor from assigning activities not listed which could be reasonably expected to be performed by an employee in this title.

1. Trims, thins and tops trees;
2. Removes dangerous limbs;
3. Braces and cables large leaders and limbs;
4. Uses ropes, pruning poles, files and other tools and equipment in pruning activities;
5. Executes rigging work;
6. May operate aerial lift truck;
7. Uses and repairs chain saws;
8. May operate motor vehicles and light construction equipment;
9. May assist in snow and ice control activities.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Working knowledge of the practices, materials and methods used in tree felling, spraying and trimming; working knowledge of pruning and shearing of trees and shrubs; skills in trimming and felling trees; ability to work under dangerous conditions; ability to understand and follow simple oral and written directions; mechanical aptitude; dependability; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

One (1) year of experience trimming trees.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

Candidates must possess a valid New York State Class B Commercial Driver's License at time of application and to maintain position. This license must contain no restrictions other than those relating to personal physical conditions. Such restrictions will be reviewed on a case by case basis for compatibility with job duties and will not be an automatic bar to employment. **A copy of the current valid license is required at time of application in order to be able to be considered for appointment.**

COUNTY USE ONLY:

BARGAINING UNIT: CSEA	JURISDICTIONAL CLASSIFICATION: Non-Competitive
GRADE: 10	FLSA Code: OT Eligible
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