

TREE SUPERVISOR

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

This is supervisory work involving responsibility for the proper care, trimming and planting of the many park, playground and roadside trees in a municipality. An employee in this position receives only general infrequent instructions from the supervisor and must determine the best and most efficient methods for completing assigned tasks. Supervision will be exercised over a small group of tree climbers and other laborers.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

1. Supervises tree pruning, trimming and cutting activities and stump removal operations;
2. Supervises the use of hand and power saws, rope and pulleys, cherry picker, backhoe and other equipment used in tree work;
3. Determines appropriate location for new trees after considering factors such as proximity to other trees, distance from pavement and underground pipe, land slope, etc;
4. Supervises the planting and transplanting of trees;
5. Observes and reports symptoms or other signs of tree disease and insect defoliation (e.g. gypsy moth infestations);
6. Supervises the application of tree wound dressings and the cleaning and filling of tree cavities;
7. Recommends schedule of tree preventative maintenance;
8. Prepares and monitors budget for tree division;
9. Prepares routine reports on work activities;
10. Performs a number of tree climbing, tree trimming and other laboring operations in connection with tree work;
11. Does related work as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of the principles and practices of tree planting and tree care; good knowledge of the equipment, methods and safety practices used in tree trimming, felling and spraying; ability to identify common tree diseases; ability to supervise the work of others; willingness to work under hazardous conditions; willingness to work in all weather conditions; good judgment; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- EITHER: (A) Four years of responsible work experience which involved the maintenance, trimming, planting or treatment of trees or other botanical growth;
- OR: (B) Completion of two years of a formal educational program designed to prepare students for a career in horticulture, botany, agronomy, agriculture or similarly related field and two years of experience as indicated above;
- OR: (C) An equivalent combination of the training and experience indicated in (A) or (B) above.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

Candidates must possess a valid New York State Class B Commercial Driver's License.

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