

TREE MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a skilled position involving the responsibility for the safe and efficient operation of complex equipment used in the removal, pruning and care of trees. Employees in this class are responsible for maintenance of their equipment. General supervision is received from the Supervising Crew Chief as to tasks to be performed, permitting leeway in planning the details for each work assignment. Supervision is exercised over the work of laborers and helpers. Performs related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

Operates an articulating-boom aerial device (bucket truck);
Operates chain saws, hydraulic tools, and pruning shears;
Operates a wood chipper in the chipping of brush and tree limbs;
Performs daily inspections of equipment and performs minor repairs and maintenance work on tree removal equipment (chipper, chain saws, aerial boom, etc.);
Climbs trees with the use of spurs and ropes, in order to trim, prune and top out trees;
Maintains records of time, materials, equipment and work performed;
May supervise a small group of laborers in connection with specific projects;
Participates in ice control and snow removal activities;
Participates in other routine public works activities as needed;
May be required to operate spraying device for tree/brush control;
Performs a variety of related activities as required.

Typical Work Activities are intended only as illustrations of possible types of work that might be appropriately assigned to an incumbent of this title. Work activities that do not appear above are not excluded as appropriate work assignments, as long as they can be reasonably understood to be within the logical limits of the job.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of the practices, tools, equipment and safety precautions used in topping, pruning and the removal of trees; ability to plan and supervise the work of others; ability to understand and follow oral and written directions; ability to get along well with others; ability to maintain simple records; dependability; willingness to respond to emergencies.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Four (4) years of experience in tree work including the use of spurs and ropes in the climbing of trees, with one (1) year of experience in the operation of an articulating-boom aerial device (bucket truck).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. At the time of appointment to this position and throughout the term of employment in this position, possession of a valid Class B Commercial Drivers License (CDL) (with endorsement if required) is mandatory.
2. Eligibility to obtain the required New York State Department of Conservation sprayers license after appointment.