

TREE TRIMMER

Job Code	Pay Grade
13530	CL8

Nature of Work

This is semi-skilled heavy manual labor in pruning, cutting and removing trees, limbs, branches and stumps. Employees in this class perform a variety of semi-skilled tasks cutting and trimming trees, limbs and branches and removing diseased, rotten, fallen or otherwise hazardous trees within county parks/preserves, rights-of-way and other grounds. Tasks are performed in accordance with established procedures requiring exercise of initiative and may require employees to supervise or serve in a lead worker capacity. Duties involve the hazards of climbing truck mounted or other ladders and utilizing bucket trucks in trimming at considerable heights and near utility power lines. The position reports to a supervisor or designee.

Minimum Qualifications

- 1 year experience in tree trimming, landscaping, grounds maintenance or directly related occupation; or
- An equivalent combination of education, training, and/or experience.

Appointing Authority May Also Require

- A Florida Driver's License or Florida Commercial Driver's License and endorsement, if any.
- Assignment to work a variety of work schedules including compulsory work periods in special, emergency, and/or disaster situations.
- Candidate may be required within 18 months of appointment to obtain and maintain a certification through the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) as a Certified Arborist.
- Candidate to demonstrate more advanced proficiency, competency, and satisfactory completion of regularly assigned work in an independent manner. Appointing Authority retains discretion to employ an incumbent at this level or advance the incumbent non-competitively or competitively after a candidate meets the minimum qualifications to an in-line career ladder position within the same organization or department.
- Other highly desirable knowledge, skills, abilities, and credentials relevant to a position.

Illustrative Tasks (These are examples and are not all inclusive.)

- Climbs trees by truck mounted hydraulic lifts or extension ladders and uses powered chain saws, shears or other cutting implements to remove branches that are broken, dead or present a hazard.
- Trims trees obstructing the visibility of traffic signs, lights, and clears brush from drainage ditches including rights-of-way.
- Operates boom and bucket trucks, tractors, mechanical chippers and stumpers.
- Performs routine servicing and preventative maintenance work on power tools, machinery and equipment, cleans saws, rebuilds and adjusts carburetors and sharpens or replaces cutting chains and blades.
- Performs general maintenance and landscaping work as required or necessary.
- Performs related work as assigned or required.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Knowledge of standard methods, materials, tools and equipment used in trimming, cutting and removal of trees.
- Knowledge of occupational hazards and safety precautions of tree trimming.
- Skill in the use of pole shears, power saws and other standard tools or equipment used in tree trimming.
- Ability and strength to climb trees and work at considerable heights and to perform heavy manual labor for extended periods, occasionally in adverse weather conditions.

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11/13	Service Maintenance	Classified