

TREE TRIMMER, SENIOR

Job Code	Pay Grade
13534	CL9

Nature of Work

This is heavy manual work with designated unit leadership responsibility for defining and completing current and future work plans 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 other hazardous trees within county parks/preserves, rights-of-way and other grounds. 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

- Candidate must possess and maintain a certification through the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) as a Certified Arborist or equivalent credentials and 2 years experience in tree trimming or directly related experience; 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.
- A candidate appointed with qualifications determined equivalent to a Certified Arborist must obtain, possess, and maintain the formal designation as an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist within 12 months of appointment.
- Other highly desirable knowledge, skills, abilities, and credentials relevant to a position.

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

- Leads other employees involved in tree removal or trimming around power lines, on private property, in rights-of-way or in parks/preserves.
- Acts in lieu of supervisor when required and provides training and guidance to other tree trimmers or maintenance workers.
- 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 and lights and clears brush from drainage ditches and 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 other 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 and 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.
- Ability to effectively lead, assign, train and review the work of employees.

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Revised	EEOC Code	Overtime Code
11/13	Skilled Craftsman	Classified