

# **POSITION**

# **AVAILABLE**

**DATE POSTED:** November 9, 2016

**POSITION/TITLE:** Tree Climber  
*Permanent, Full-time with benefits*  
3-Month Probationary Period

**DEPARTMENT:** Shade Tree & Parks Department

**HOURS OF WORK:** 7AM – 3:30 PM Monday through Friday

**STARTING WAGE:** Prevailing Contractual Rate

**QUALIFICATIONS:** CDL Class B minimum  
One year experience of climbing, trimming,  
And related arboricultural practices

**JOB RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:**

- Climbs trees using individual climbing gear, rope, saddle and belts or uses vertical lift truck when required.
- Operates Chan saws, motorized winches, stump grinders, chippers and various types of hand tool to remove dead limbs, wood pars and stumps.
- Digs holes using a variety of hand tools such as shovels or picks, and level earth with rakes to plant trees, plants and shrubs during season.
- Snow shoveling and salt spreading of Borough of Paramus properties.

**IF INTERESTED IN POSITION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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## **TREE CLIMBER**

### **DEFINITION**

Under direction, climbs, trims, sprays, tops, and cuts down dead and deceased trees and limbs using ropes, knots, rigging and hitches; operates equipment such as chain saws, motorized winches, stump grinders, chippers and various hand tools; does other related duties as required.

***NOTE:** The examples of work for this title are for illustrative purposes only. A particular position using this title may not perform all duties listed in this job specification. Conversely, all duties performed on the job may not be listed.*

### **EXAMPLES OF WORK:**

Climbs trees using individual climbing gear, rope and saddle, or climbing hooks and belts or, uses vertical lift truck when required.

Operates chain saws, motorized winches, stump grinders, chippers and various types of hand tools to remove dead limbs, wood parts and stumps.

Cuts trees and limbs to size using chain saws or other hand tools to prepare trees or limbs for removal.

Lowers limbs and tops of trees by rope or rigging system and by use of ropes, chains and blocks and tackle to safely remove parts from trees without causing injury or damage to property.

May mix pre-measured chemicals according to specific directions and under close supervision to spray trees, shrubs and plants in designated areas to control pests and disease; sprays foliage fertilizer to increase plant growth.

Digs holes using a variety of hand tools such as shovels or picks, and levels earth with rakes to plant trees, plants and shrubs during season.

Performs a variety of unskilled laboring tasks such as loading and unloading refuse, hauling tree limbs or trunks, mowing grass and feeding plants and trees.

Will be required to learn to utilize various types of electronic and/or manual recording and information systems used by the agency, office, or related units.

## **REQUIREMENTS:**

### **EXPERIENCE:**

One (1) year of experience climbing, trimming, topping, and cutting down trees using climbing gear such as rigging, ropes, and hoists and the operation of various equipment and hand tools such as chain saws, winches, stump grinders, chippers, hand saws, pole saws, and axes.

### **LICENSE:**

Appointees may be required to possess a valid license as a Commercial Pesticide Applicator, issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Appointees will be required to possess a driver's license valid in New Jersey only if the operation of a vehicle, rather than employee mobility, is necessary to perform essential duties of the position.

Appointees may be required to possess a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and applicable endorsements for the class and type of vehicle being operated.

**NOTE:** The responsibility for ensuring that employees possess the required motor vehicle license, commensurate with the class and type of vehicles they operate, rests with the Appointing Authority.

### **KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:**

**Knowledge** of the common varieties of trees and their structure.

**Knowledge** of the precautions taken to climb, top, saw off tree limbs, fell trees and lower limbs.

**Knowledge** of the methods used to operate equipment such as chain saws, stump grinders, chippers, and other types of related equipment.

**Knowledge** common knots, hitches and rigging used to lower limbs and tree tops.

**Ability** to set up routine rigging, hoists, blocks and tackle.

**Ability** to climb trees using saddle and rope or climbing hooks and belts to heights in excess of 30 feet.

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**Ability** to operate equipment and tools such as chain saws, stump grinders, chippers, handsaws, axes and wedges in a safe and proficient manner.

**Ability** to perform routine mechanical and manual operations.

**Ability** to work from heights in excess of 30 feet suspended from climbing gear or in a lift truck.

**Ability** to lift, pulls, and pushes objects of various weights and sizes for short distances.

**Ability** to observe safety precautions in climbing tress.

**Ability** to operate tools and equipment needed for the job.

**Ability** to work harmoniously with others.

**Ability** to learn to utilize various types of electronic and/or manual recording and information systems used by the agency, office, or related units.

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