

Class Code: 031
CITY OF ANAHEIM
Class Specification

Classification:
TREE TRIMMER ASSISTANT

DEFINITION:

Works under close supervision to acquire journey-level tree trimming skills through on the job training and supplementary education.

TYPICAL DUTIES:

Performs a variety of semi-skilled duties in assisting Tree Trimmers in the trimming, topping and pruning of trees.

Performs other job related duties as required.

TRAINING PROGRAM DUTIES:

Step 1 - First Six Months - Trims trees using pole pruners, pole saw, hydraulic saw, hydraulic lopper, and chain saw. Requires trimming, shaping, topping and removing trees, identifying trimming tools and climbing equipment and learning various knots used in tree work. Learning how to use tree climbing equipment, rope, saddle, and tree gaffs, and learning how to use aerial boom. Plants, stakes, and ties small trees. Sprays trees for pest control. Operates a truck brush chipper, and stump cutter. Learns to sharpen and keep all trimming tools. Keeps truck, chippers, and stump cutter clean. Requires identifying at least ten varieties of trees used as street trees. Learns and practices safe working habits. Takes oral interview and field test upon completing six months. Apprentice must pass first six months test; failure will discontinue participation in the apprentice program.

Step 2 - Second Six Months - Requires using tree climbing equipment, rope, saddle, and tree gaffs, using aerial boom, topping, shaping and removing trees and identifying at least ten additional varieties of trees used as street trees and taking a field test upon completing second six months.

Step 3 - Second Year - Learns trimming trees away from electrical wires, and removing palm trees by cutting to ground level for electrical wire clearance. Performs tree trimming and removing, using tree climbing equipment, rope, saddle, tree gaffs, hand saw, pole saw, pole pruner, and chain saws. Identifies various types of voltages. Requires trimming, topping, and removing trees for electrical wire clearance by using an aerial boom and identifying at least ten additional varieties of trees used as street trees. Takes a field test upon completing each six months service.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Knowledge Of: Use of basic hand tools.

Ability to: Establish and maintain effective working relationships; follow written and verbal instructions; and learn the methods and equipment used in trimming, topping and pruning of trees.

License Required: Possession of or ability to obtain a valid Class C California Driver's License by date of appointment.

Note: Physical ability to use both hands, arms and legs, stoop, bend, lift up to 100 pounds, climb and work above ground.

Supervision Received: Works under the technical supervision of a Tree Trimmer who makes assignments and continuously reviews work.

Career Ladder Information: Experience in this class may result in promotion to Tree Trimmer upon satisfactory completion of the Training Program.

NOTE: The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by persons assigned to this job. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties, responsibilities and skills required of personnel so classified. All requirements are subject to possible modification to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities.

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