



**Code: 7975**

Family: Construction, Maintenance, and Skilled Labor  
Service: Operation and Construction  
Group: Forestry and Parkways  
Series: Landscape Maintenance

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## **CLASS TITLE: TREE TRIMMER**

The City of Chicago has partnered with the County, Municipal Employees', Supervisors, and Foremen's Union Local 1001 to establish a three (3) year in-house trainee program, equivalent to 6,240 hours of paid on-the-job training (OJT).

Class is a multi – rate title; rate of pay to individual positions is dependent on the number of hours completed.

### **CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS**

Under immediate supervision, performs tree maintenance activities including tree trimming and tree removal, and performs related duties as required

### **ESSENTIAL DUTIES**

- Prepares tree for limb removal or complete takedown by placing safety cones; rigging ropes, pulleys, block and tackle to secure and control limbs before cutting and removal
- Inspects and operates per Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements an aerial lift bucket and is lifted to remove selected tree limbs and trunks with chainsaws or pruners
- Cuts tree trunks on the ground with gasoline or electric power saws
- Operates a wood chipper to dispose of tree limbs and branches
- Assists in loading severed tree trunks onto trucks for removal
- Inspects tree for decay, disease, and insects
- Operates equipment for insect and disease management on trees and shrubs
- Prepares trees for planting, plants trees, and performs follow-up inspections for tree condition
- Maintains and repairs a variety of equipment used in the planting, trimming, and removal of trees
- Ensures the availability of adequate supplies and equipment on trucks to complete assigned work
- Cleans worksite and performs ground level cleanup to clear tree debris

**NOTE:** *The list of essential duties is not intended to be inclusive; there may be other duties that are essential to particular positions within the class.*

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

#### **Education, Training, and Experience**

- Willingness and ability to perform the duties of the job

#### **Licensure, Certification, or Other Qualifications**

- None

### **WORKING CONDITIONS**

- Exposure to outdoor weather conditions

- Exposure to loud noise, fumes or dust, oily or wet environment
- Exposure to insects and animals
- Exposure to hazardous conditions (e.g., heavy machinery, live electrical wires)
- Work performed in cramped or confined locations
- Work performed at great heights with the use of safety harness and lanyard

## **EQUIPMENT**

- Aerial lift bucket
- Hand tools (e.g., hammer, screwdriver, wrench, various chainsaws, pole saw, pruner/power pruner, ropes)
- Personal protective equipment (e.g., hard hat, hearing protection, shoes, glasses, gloves, vest, knee pads, chaps, harness)
- Safety devices or equipment (e.g., cones, barricades, metal plates, scaffolding, ropes)
- Powered and manual cleaning equipment (e.g., power washers, leaf blowers, brooms)
- Communication equipment (e.g., two-way radio, multi-channel communication system)
- Standard landscape tools and equipment (e.g., shovel, axe, weed cutter, fogger, dolly, rake, weed-whip, chain saw, pole saw, pole pruner, hand pruner, pesticide application sprayer)

## **PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Must meet current aerial bucket lift weight restrictions to comply with OSHA and City of Chicago safety standards
- Extremely heavy lifting, carrying, pushing, and pulling (up to 100 pounds) is required
- Ability to walk and stand for extended or continuous periods of time
- Ability to quickly bend, stretch, twist, or reach out with one's body, arms, and/or legs
- Ability to climb ladders and/or stairs
- Ability to operate applicable hand tools, power tools, and equipment
- Ability to tolerate heights (up to 100 feet) while working
- Ability to climb in/out of aerial lift bucket
- Ability to lift and hold various equipment (up to 37 pounds) extended away from the body while working for extended periods of time

## **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND OTHER WORK REQUIREMENTS**

### **Knowledge**

Some knowledge of:

- applicable equipment, materials, and hand and power tools used in the care of trees and shrubbery
- use of safety equipment and protective gear
- safety practices, procedures, and code standards specific to the care of trees and shrubbery
- trees, shrubbery, and other plant material used in landscape beautification
- applicable emergency operations

Knowledge of applicable City and department policies, procedures, rules, and regulations

**Skills**

- \*ACTIVE LEARNING - Understand the implications of new information for both current and future problem-solving and decision-making
- \*ACTIVE LISTENING - Give full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, ask questions as appropriate, and not interrupt at inappropriate times
- EQUIPMENT SELECTION - Determine the kind of tools and equipment needed to do a job

**Abilities**

- COMPREHEND ORAL INFORMATION - Listen to and understand information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences
- SPEAK - Communicate information and ideas in speaking so others will understand
- RECOGNIZE PROBLEMS - Tell when something is wrong or is likely to go wrong
- VISUALIZE - Imagine how something will look after it is moved around or when its parts are moved or rearranged

**Other Work Requirements**

- STAMINA - Demonstrate energy and stamina to accomplish work tasks
- DEPENDABILITY - Demonstrate reliability, responsibility, and dependability and fulfill obligations
- ATTENTION TO DETAIL - Pay careful attention to detail and thoroughness in completing work tasks

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All employees of the City of Chicago must demonstrate commitment to and compliance with applicable state and federal laws, and City ordinances and rules; the City's Ethics standards; and other City policies and procedures.

The City of Chicago will consider equivalent foreign degrees, accreditations, and credentials in evaluating qualifications.

\* May be required at entry.

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