

**DEPARTMENT:** NORTH TONAWANDA PUBLIC WORKS  
**CLASSIFICATION:** NON-COMPETITIVE  
**APPROVED:** JULY 3, 2013

### **TREE TRIMMER**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The work involves responsibility for the efficient performance of a variety of activities working with trees such as trimming, spraying, transplanting and felling. The work is performed under general supervision with leeway allowed for the use of independent judgment in carrying out the details of the work. The incumbent may lead a small crew of subordinates on tree caring projects. Does related work as required.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

1. Trims, thins, and tops trees;
2. Removes dangerous limbs;
3. Fells large trees and chops out stumps;
4. Sprays trees;
5. Braces and cables large leaders and limbs;
6. Cleans and fills tree cavities;
7. Applies tree wound dressings;
8. Uses rope, pruning poles, files and other tools and equipment in pruning activities;
9. Maintains power equipment and Saws used in Tree trimming.

### **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Good knowledge of the practices, materials, and methods used in tree felling, tree spraying, tree trimming and tree surgery; good knowledge of the planting, cultivating, transplanting, pruning, and shearing of trees and shrubs; skill in trimming and felling trees and in performing tree surgery; ability to climb and to work at considerable height under dangerous conditions; ability to understand and follow simple oral and written directions; mechanical aptitude; dependability; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma **and** one of the following:

1. One (1) year of paid experience felling and trimming large trees; **OR**
2. Completion of fifteen (15) credit hours in forestry, natural resource management, or arborist related field from a regionally accredited college or university, or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees.

### **SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS:**

Possession of a New York State CDL – B license. Copy **must** be attached to application.

**NOTE:** Part-time experience will be pro-rated towards meeting the experience requirement.