

DEPARTMENT: NORTH TONAWANDA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
CLASSIFICATION: NON-COMPETITIVE
APPROVED: 12/17/98

TREE TRIMMER HELPER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves assisting a Tree Trimmer in the care, trimming and removal of trees and shrubs. Under the direct supervision of the Tree Trimmer, the Helper learns the proper methods, procedures and safety precautions involved in the work and as experience is gained is given increasingly difficult assignments. Supervision may be exercised over the work activities of subordinate employees. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

1. Assists in the proper methods of spraying trees and shrubbery to provide nutrients and prevent disease and insect infestation;
2. Performs proper methods and safety precautions used in falling trees including use of bucket truck, climbing equipment, saws, wedges and other tools and equipment;
3. Assists in trimming, thinning and topping trees and in removing dangerous or low hanging branches;
4. Cares for trees by application of wound dressing, cables, and braces and by cleaning and filling cavities;
5. Plants and cares of trees and shrubs located on the grounds of city buildings;
6. Performs other work assigned when not engaged in tree and shrubbery work.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Some knowledge of the methods, equipment and safety precautions involved in the care, trimming and removal of trees and shrubbery; some knowledge of the methods used in the planing, cultivation and transplanting of trees and shrubbery; physical endurance; ability to work at considerable heights, at times under adverse and dangerous conditions; initiative and resourcefulness; good judgement; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of a New York State equivalency diploma.

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