

Classification and Qualification STANDARDS

Tree Trimmer II

Class Code: 0748

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FLSA: Non-Exempt

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OVERVIEW:

Under general supervision, the Tree Trimmer II maintains and trims trees of various heights to promote their health and appearance when such work requires the use of special climbing equipment such as ropes, climbing spikes, safety belts, and supplemental rigging and aerial personnel lifts or aerial ladders.

This classification is distinguished from Tree Trimmer I by the fact that incumbents spend a substantial portion of their time in the maintenance and trimming of trees of a height which involves a higher personal safety risk and/or requires the use of special climbing equipment and to a lesser extent hydraulic aerial lifts or aerial ladders. Individuals who are not required to utilize special climbing equipment but are required to utilize aerial personnel lifts or aerial ladders should be placed in the Tree Trimmer I classification.

TYPICAL ACTIVITIES:

The duties listed below are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to this classification.

Gardeners typically perform work involving some or all of the following duties: tops and reshapes trees; trims or removes dead, diseased, or unsightly growth; uses both power saws and hand saws, as necessary; lowers cut branches by slings or lines; cables and bolts trees to cross-support weak limbs; fells and removes sections of trees or entire trees; applies treatment to trees having diseased or unhealthy conditions; occasionally plants, cultivates, and irrigates trees; maintains climbing and tree trimming tools in good working order; may drive pick-ups and other automotive equipment in performance of assigned duties; may train lower level employees and from time to time, provide lead work direction to students, Groundswomen, or individuals in other grounds classifications engaged in routine tree trimming work; and may on occasion, perform the duties of a Groundswoman when required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge:

Thorough knowledge of methods, materials, and tools used in trimming, shaping, cultivating, and caring for trees. Working knowledge of necessary rigging and various knots used in tree trimming work. General knowledge of different species of trees and their growing characteristics as related to pruning and shaping methods.

Abilities:

Ability to trim trees according to accepted practices; perform or quickly learn to perform necessary rigging and tying of various knots used in climbing and use climbing spikes and saddles; work from hydraulic aerial lifts or from aerial ladders and work at considerable heights above the grounds; perform work which requires physical strength and agility; read and write at a level appropriate to the duties of the position; and follow oral and written directions.

Experience:

Two years of general experience in the care and maintenance of landscaped areas or general grounds, with one year in tree trimming and tree maintenance work which has provided a working knowledge of aerial equipment and safety practices and the necessary skills for climbing and high altitude tree trimming.

License:

Some positions may require possession of a valid California driver's license.