

**CITY OF SALEM
TREE TRIMMER**

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NATURE OF WORK

This is semi-skilled and skilled work of the journey level in the care and pruning of shade trees.

Work involves participation in the general maintenance and pruning of shade trees along streets and in parks. Work involves responsibility for performing a variety of semi-skilled and skilled tasks including the climbing of trees and work at considerable heights, the operating of an aerial boom truck and other power equipment used in the pruning and removal of trees, and the planting of new trees. The work at dangerous heights indicates the need for an above average awareness of the necessary safety precautions. Work includes a variety of assignments on the ground, on equipment, and in the trees. Not included in this class are individuals in an apprenticeship or trainee capacity. Work is subject to observation while in progress and upon completion for compliance with department rules and standards.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK

(Any single position of a class will not usually involve all of the duties listed and many positions will involve duties which are not listed.)

Prunes and removes trees with the use of an aerial boom; climbs trees or limbs which the boom cannot reach by the means of saddle, rope, and spurs; operates chain saws, brush chippers, stump chippers, backhoes, and dump trucks in the removal of branches, stumps, and other debris.

Balls and moves trees and shrubs; waters and inspects new or transplanted trees; operates tank truck and deep watering device.

Sprays trees with a variety of disease and insect control chemical agents; operates a variety of hand or mobile spray equipment.

Answers trouble calls by removing damaged limbs during stormy and hazardous weather and in the area of high voltage lines.

Performs other related work as required.

WORK QUALIFICATIONS

Considerable progressively responsible experience in tree climbing and trimming; graduation from high school preferably supplemented by courses in arboriculture; or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the following knowledges, skills, and abilities:

Knowledge of the standard methods, materials, tools, equipment, and practices used in trimming and maintaining shade trees.

Knowledge of most common tree species used in local landscapes.

Thorough knowledge of the occupational hazards and safety precautions of the trade.

Skill in the climbing of trees and in the use of the standard tools and equipment of the trade.

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Possess physical strength and agility to successfully climb trees and perform work at heights in all types of weather conditions.

Ability to maintain records and prepare reports concerning work performed.

Ability to work effectively with others; communicate effectively both in writing and verbally.

Possession of a valid Oregon Class 1 or Chauffeur's license and the ability to meet City driving standards.

Personnel Director