

ARBORIST

Definition

Under direction, to schedule, lead and participate in the care of trees in City parks and recreation areas; City streets, and forest greenbelts, in addition to performing related work duties as required.

Examples Of Duties

Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following: Lead the forestry crew in trimming, pruning, planting, and removing of City trees from the ground, ladders, and from an aerial lift bucket; climbing trees of varying heights to trim, cable, and remove using rope and spurs; assisting the Forester with inspecting private trees and issuing permits for City and private tree removals, and overseeing various contractual projects throughout the City; must be capable of operating and maintaining a variety of tree trimming equipment such as hand and power saws, brush chipper, and maintenance of City trees; lead and assist in the planting, staking, spraying and fertilizing of urban trees; must be capable of sharpening chain saws and adjusting chipper blades; assist the Forester in inspecting City trees for insects, disease, hazardous conditions, and to take steps necessary to safeguard the public; be the primary contact for tree emergency call-outs after normal work hours and on weekends. Arborist should also be qualified to supervise City and private contract crews in the proper care and maintenance of City trees; prepare reports, maintain records, schedule work priorities based on Urban Forestry Program responsibilities; implement crew safety training and recordkeeping.

Employment Standards

Experience and Education

Any combination equivalent to experience and education that could likely provide the required knowledge and abilities would be qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Education: Any combination equivalent to attaining a high school diploma or G.E.D. Certificate, supplemented by courses in modern tree care and maintenance. On-going education in the field of Urban Forestry and modern Arboriculture is desired.

Experience: Minimum of six (6) years of experience in the maintenance and care of trees within the profession of Arboriculture. Two (2) of the six (6) years of past

experience must have included the responsibility of leading subordinates in the field.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: Methods, materials, and equipment used in the care of trees and all other modern arboricultural practices; botanical names and characteristics of trees existing within this zone, including endemic species.

Ability to: Communicate and lead others proficiently; direct others in how to safely climb trees and work at considerable height; advanced skills in the use of chain saws, manual tools like shears, axes, and other pruning implements including the safe operation of a brush chipper; drive tractor loader and large trucks safely, operate equipment safely, and to lead others in the safe operation of a brush chipper and tools involved in the care of tree maintenance; individual must possess physical strength and agility necessary to do hard work; must be capable of communicating effectively with the public about the proper care of trees and assist the Forester with the implementation of the City's Tree Preservation Ordinance.

License and/or Certifical Required

Must possess a valid California State Driver's License. Certification as an Arborist from the International Society of Arboriculture must be obtained within the first (1st) year of employment.

Special Conditions

The Forestry Crew Leadworker must reside within 25 driving miles of the City of Monterey. Response time must be within 40 minutes.