

TREE TRIMMER - 684

DEFINITION OF WORK

Under immediate supervision, performs responsible skilled work in the care and pruning of trees; does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Climbs trees using hooks, ropes and ladders; does necessary trimming and pruning to eliminate hazards and to preserve the beauty of trees on streets and other public property; removes dead, broken, mis-shapen and undesired branches; tops trees using a variety of tools and lowers portions removed to the ground with ropes; participates in the planting, transplanting, seeding and spraying of trees; operates a bucket truck as necessary to trim, prune or dismember trees for felling; uses all tools of the trade including: ladders, ropes, power chain saws, band axes, shovels, block and tackle; keeps such tools sharp and in good repair; drives a truck and operates allied automotive equipment in connection with work; trims and digs out protruding tree roots; uses chipper and log splitter.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Education and Experience: Any combination of education and experience equivalent to completion of the seventh grade and considerable experience in working at heights and in the general care and trimming of trees.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: Thorough knowledge of tree trimming methods; thorough knowledge of tree surgery techniques and of the composition and use of common insecticides, fungicides and fertilizers; thorough knowledge of the hazards and safety precautions of the work; ability to acquire skill in the use and care of ropes, climber hooks, riggings and tools commonly used in tree trimming and felling operations; ability to climb trees and to work effectively in precarious positions at considerable heights above the ground.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT

Possession of a valid North Carolina driver's license.