

Classification and Qualification STANDARDS

Tree Trimmer I

Class Code: 0746

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FLSA: Non-Exempt

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OVERVIEW:

Under general supervision, the Tree Trimmer I maintains and trims trees to promote their health and appearance.

This classification is distinguished from Tree Trimmer II in that maintenance and trimming work does not require the use of special climbing equipment, such as ropes, climbing spikes, safety belts, and supplemental rigging and the work is accomplished from scaffolds or truck platforms, aerial personnel lifts, or aerial ladders.

This classification is distinguished from Groundswoker in that trimming trees is considered the main function of the position with incidental grounds maintenance work performed on a less frequent basis. The Groundswoker's main function is general gardening and grounds maintenance work with incidental tree trimming work sometimes performed.

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: top and reshape trees; trim or remove dead, diseased, or unsightly growth and trim new growth; use both power saws and handsaws; prune and trim trees to achieve attractive shapes; treat cut surfaces to protect them from fungi and insects; fell and remove trees when work can be done from the ground; apply treatment to trees having diseased or unhealthy conditions; occasionally plan, cultivate and irrigate trees; maintain tree trimming and pruning tools in good working order; may operate and perform minor maintenance on tree shredding equipment; may drive pick-ups and other automotive equipment in the performance of assigned duties; may from time-to-time provide lead work direction to students, Groundswokers, or individuals in other grounds classes engaged in routine tree trimming work; and may perform the duties of a Groundswoker when required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge:

Thorough knowledge of methods, materials, and tools used in trimming, pruning, cultivating, and caring for trees. General knowledge of different species of trees and their growing characteristics as related to pruning and shaping methods; and of safety procedures with tools and stationary and aerial climbing devices.

Abilities:

Ability to trim trees according to accepted practices; work from hydraulic aerial lifts or from aerial ladders at considerable heights above the ground; 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 which has provided a variety of basic knowledge and abilities in tree trimming and tree maintenance work.

License:

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