

JOB DESCRIPTION
Forestry/Maintenance III
Pay Range 09
Department of the Public Services

Job Title: Forestry/Maintenance III

Reports To: Forestry/Foreman/Chief Foreman

Supervises Directly: None

Supervises Through Subordinates: None

Purpose for the position:

To maintain city trees utilizing accepted horticultural practices.

Essential Responsibilities:

Climbs trees to reach branches interfering with wires and transmission towers, using climbing equipment.

Prunes treetops, using saws or pruning shears.

Repairs trees damaged by storm or lightning by trimming jagged stumps and painting them to prevent bleeding of sap.

Removes broken limbs from wires, using hooked extension pole.

Fells trees interfering with City property, using chain saw.

May work from bucket of extended truck boom to reach limbs.

Operates heavy equipment such as hydraulic buckets and booms, stump grinder, chipper, backhoe and front end loaders.

Makes minor repairs to equipment, performs preventative maintenance.

Supervises small groups of employees.

Cleans buildings, washes windows, and empties trash cans, using brooms and cleaning supplies.

Paints interior and exterior walls and trim using paint and painting tools.

Drives truck and loads fallen tree limbs and roadside trash onto truck, and delivers refuse to designated area.

Operates snow removal equipment to maintain streets, sidewalks and driveways.

Does related work as required. Responds to emergency calls and complaints.

Perform a variety of skilled and semi-skilled tasks in division.

Ability to understand and communicate written instructions.

Related and other duties as required.

Responsible to self-initiate activities consistent with the City of Sandusky's and department's goals and objectives.

Must report for work at required time and date and maintain a responsible attendance record.

The ability to follow a supervisor's instructions, tolerate certain levels of stress, and attend work on a punctual, regular basis.

The avoidance of violent behavior that threatens the safety of other employees.

Skills and Abilities:

Work outside for long periods of time and in all kinds of weather, performing tasks that require physical strength and endurance.

Follow instructions exactly.

Adjust to doing the same kind of work all day long or performing a variety of different tasks on the same day, depending on daily business needs.

Work quickly and skillfully with your hands to do such things as picking fruit or vegetables, sawing or sorting logs, or operating tractors or lawn mowers.

Physical Demands:

Heavy Work: Exerting 50 to 100 pounds of force occasionally (Occasionally: activity or condition exists up to 1/3 of the time), and/or 25 to 50 pounds of force frequently (Frequently: activity or condition exists from 1/3 to 2/3 of the time), and/or 10 to 20 pounds of force constantly (Constantly: activity or condition exists 2/3 or more of the time) to move objects.

Environmental Conditions:

Outside: No effective protection from weather. A job is considered "outside" if the worker spends approximately 75 percent or more of the time outside.

Reasoning, Mathematical and Language Development are indicative of the general level of development required to do this job. Some, but not necessarily all, areas mentioned in this section will be included in this job.

Reasoning Development:

Apply commonsense understanding to carry out instructions furnished in written, oral, or diagrammatic form. Deal with problems involving several concrete variables in or from standardized situations.

Mathematical Development:

Add, subtract, multiply, and divide all units of measure. Perform the four operations with like common and decimal fractions. Compute ratio, rate and percent. Draw and interpret bar graphs. Perform arithmetic operations involving all American monetary units.

Language Development:

Reading: Passive vocabulary of 5,000 -6,000 words. Read at rate of 190-215 words per minute. Read instructions, rules, etc., looking up unfamiliar words in dictionary for meaning, spelling, and pronunciation.

Writing: Write sentences, using cursive style, proper punctuation and employing adjectives and adverbs.

Speaking: Speak clearly and distinctly with appropriate pauses and emphasis , correct pronunciation, variations in word order, using present, perfect, and future tenses.

Relationships to Data, People and Things:

Data: *Comparing: Judging the readily observable, functional, structural or compositional characteristics (whether similar to or divergent from obvious standards) of data, people or things.*

People: *Speaking-Signaling: Talking with and/or signaling people to convey or exchange information. Includes giving assignments and or directions to helpers or assistants.*

Things: *Manipulating: Using body members, tools or special devices to work, move, guide, or place objects or materials. Involves some latitude for judgment with regard to precision attained and selecting appropriate tool, object, or material, although this is readily manifest.*

Specific Vocational Preparation:

Specific Vocational Preparation includes an occupationally significant combination of: vocational education, apprentice training, in-plant training, on-the-job training, or essential experience in less responsible jobs which lead to the higher job or serving in other jobs.

Over three months and including six months.

To do this job, you must have the following licenses or certifications before being hired:

Valid Ohio Commercial Drivers License and all applicable endorsements.

To do this job, you must have the following amount of total education and/or experience:

(If hiring someone into this position, this would be the minimum amount of experience and education that would be required in order for the incumbent to have a reasonable expectation for success.)

High School Diploma

Not less than two (2) years experience in tree trimming including two (2) years in construction and operation of heavy equipment or, an equivalent level of education and experience.