
**TEMPLE CITY
CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

TREE TRIMMER LEAD WORKER

DEFINITION:

Under supervision of the Public Services Superintendent, the Tree Trimmer Lead worker is a working leadperson responsible for a field crew engaged in tree maintenance operations.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

Provides immediate supervision of tree maintenance personnel and is responsible for independently executing work as assigned by the Public Services Superintendent. Assists the Public Services Superintendent with evaluating immediate and long-term tree maintenance requirements. Makes work schedules, maintains daily work records, and prepares other field activity reports as required. Reviews work orders and take pictures. The Tree Trimmer Lead Worker also operates and maintains a variety of equipment commonly used in tree maintenance operations, including power chain saws, cavity instruments, hydraulic lifts, sprayers, and other related hand tools. Plants, irrigates, cultivates, sprays and fertilizes City trees and shrubs. Removes large limbs and whole trees, frequently working near structures and power lines. Maintain, repair, and hang street banners, flags, or decorations for special occasions. Keeps vehicle and equipment maintenance records. Takes and keeps inventory of equipment. Examines and maintains safety equipment. Inspects tools for replacement. Assists in selecting locations for contract block trimming, and inspects contract trimming and tree/stump removals. May be asked to respond to emergency tree trimming during off-hours. Performs simple tree surgery and support cabling. Operates and maintains automotive equipment including trucks, brush chippers and stump grinders, and related duties as required.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of: Comprehensive knowledge and advanced practical experience regarding standard tree maintenance operations. Knowledge of ornamental and common shade tree characteristics, including species identification and maintenance requirements. Knowledge of standard tools, equipment, methodology and safety aspects regarding tree maintenance operations. Knowledge of diseases and pests common to trees, including control methods.

Ability to: Comprehend and effectively execute verbal and written instructions.

Must possess the ability to competently supervise subordinate personnel and effectively work with fellow employees. Must be able to perform tasks requiring physical agility and strength, including heavy manual labor.

Education and Experience: Combination of education and training equivalent to completion of high school and five years recent experience as a Tree Trimmer. Proven supervisory skills are desirable.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS:

Possession of a valid Class C motor vehicle operator's license issued from the State of California.

Ability to operate a telephone and a portable radio.

Ability to understand and respond to the public and staff's requests for assistance both on the telephone and in person.

Ability to operate tree trimming equipment such as chain saws, hydraulic pruners, tower truck and clam lift and chipper, climb trees, work with ropes and slings, and plant canned and boxed trees.

Ability to lift at least 45 pounds.

Ability to sit, stand, climb, stoop or bend for up to two hours at a time.

Ability to get in and out of a vehicle up to 30 times a day.

Ability see and hear.