

**DEPARTMENT:** NORTH TONAWANDA PUBLIC WORKS  
**CLASSIFICATION:** NON-COMPETITIVE  
**APPROVED:** AUGUST 26, 2021

**TREE TRIMMER HELPER**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The work involves assisting a Tree Trimmer in the care, trimming and removal of trees and shrubs. Under the direct supervision of the Tree Trimmer, the Helper learns the proper methods, procedures and safety precautions involved in the work and is given increasingly difficult assignments as experience is gained. Supervision may be exercised over the work activities of subordinate employees. Does related work as required.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

1. Assists in the proper methods of spraying trees and shrubbery to provide nutrients and prevent disease and insect infestation;
2. Performs proper methods and safety precautions used in falling trees including use of bucket truck, climbing equipment, saws, wedges and other tools and equipment;
3. Assists in rigging of trees and limbs using proper knots and rigging methods;
4. Assists in trimming, thinning and topping trees and in removing dangerous or low hanging branches;
5. Cares for trees by application of wound dressing, cables, and braces and by cleaning and filling cavities;
6. Plants and cares for trees and shrubs located on the grounds of city buildings;
7. Performs other work assigned when not engaged in tree and shrubbery work;
8. Performs equipment maintenance such as chain sharpening, knife replacement, saw cleaning/turning, etc.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:** Working knowledge of the methods, equipment and safety precautions involved in the care, trimming and removal of trees and shrubbery; working knowledge of the methods used in the planting, cultivation and transplanting of trees and shrubbery; ability to work at considerable heights and at time under adverse and dangerous conditions; initiative and resourcefulness; good judgement; physical endurance; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma.

**SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS:**

Possession of a New York State CDL class B driver's license at time of appointment and for the duration of employment.