



LOMPOC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREE TRIMMER

JOB SUMMARY:

Under the direction of the Director of Maintenance and Operations, care for and maintain trees located on district property by cutting, trimming, shaping and fertilizing; may perform general gardening work as needed.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Trim or remove limbs and branches; use both power and hand saws and similar equipment; treat cut surfaces to protect from fungi and insects; lower cut limbs and branches by slings or lines; shape trees, hedges, and shrubs; operate a chain saw and appropriate tree pruning equipment.
- Climb trees by means of ropes or climbers; use safety belt and other required rigging; perform tree surgery on damaged trees and shrubs; seal cuts over one inch in diameter.
- Excavate and grade lawn areas; load excess soil in truck; make ditches and prepares ground for drainage; remove shrubs, trees and refuse and transport from area; prepare areas to be planted by shrub, tree and other holes for planting.
- Top, fell and remove trees; clean up stumps, non-chipable limbs and branches; feed tree limbs through chipper machine.
- Cable, stake or secure trees or limbs; function as primary operator of aerial lift truck when pruning, shaping or removal of trees and shrubs; ensure safety measures are observed prior to using the aerial lift; perform maintenance and service of equipment.
- Set up equipment safely including checking switches, controls, outriggers and use of emergency power and safety belts; drive a vehicle to conduct work.

OTHER DUTIES:

- Perform related duties as assigned.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Education and Experience:

Any combination equivalent to: graduation from high school and two years of tree trimming experience working from aerial lifts and related grounds equipment.

Licenses and other Requirements

- Valid California Class C driver's license.

Knowledge of:

- Basic principles of tree pruning, shaping and removal of trees and shrubs.
- Tree surgery procedures, techniques, materials and treatment.
- Care and safety procedures when working from aerial lift in trees.
- Power equipment and non-power tools used in tree trimming.
- Technical aspects of field of specialty.
- Methods, materials, tools and equipment used in trimming and maintaining trees.
- Methods, materials, tools and equipment used in planting, transplanting, removing and moving trees.

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- Proper use of various chemicals and fertilizers used.
- Safe working practices and procedures.

Ability to:

- Work effectively and safely from high places.
- Safely set-up and use the aerial lift truck and device.
- Operate power chain saws and other grounds equipment.
- Use sound judgment.
- Understand and follow oral and written instructions.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Work Environment:

- Outdoor work environment.
- Seasonal heat and cold and adverse weather conditions.
- Exposure to pollen.

Physical Demands: The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Climbing trees.
- Lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling heavy objects.
- Dexterity of hands and fingers to operate hand and power driven tools and equipment used in tree trimming.
- Balancing.
- Seeing to perform tree trimming work.
- Heavy physical labor.

Hazards:

- Working at heights.
- Power saws and flying debris.
- Working around and with machinery having moving parts.

The information contained in this job description is for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.) and is not an exhaustive list of the duties performed.

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

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