



**Job Opportunity**  
**Department of Public Works**

**Tree Trimmer – Full Time**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The incumbent of this position performs semi-skilled tasks in connection with the maintenance, pruning, trimming, spraying, transplanting, and felling of trees. This is routine skilled work involving responsibility for the efficient performance of assignments requiring a practical working knowledge of tree surgery practices. The work includes trimming, climbing, spraying, fertilizing, transplanting and removal of trees. Employees in this class receive instructions from a supervisor indicating work to be done and work methods to be used. Supervision may be occasionally exercised over other members of a tree-climbing crew. Does related work as required.

**EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)**

- Trims, thins, and tops trees;
- Removes dead, diseased or otherwise hazardous trees and/or branches and shrubs;
- Climbs trees to reach branches using climbing equipment;
- Prunes trees using handsaw, pruning poles and power saw;
- Fells large trees, bracing and cabling larger leaders and limbs;
- Cleans and fills tree cavity: applies tree wound dressing;
- Operates machinery such as chain saws, bucket truck, brush chippers, stump grinders, etc. to maintain trees and shrubs;
- Uses ropes, pruning poles, files and other tools and equipment in pruning activities;
- Participates in other park labor such as planting, cultivating, transplanting, pruning, and shearing shrubs and trees, and in filling, rolling, weeding, mowing, and fertilizing grass plots;
- Operates power sprayers to apply pesticides and fertilizers on trees and shrubs;
- Performs daily inspection and routine maintenance on equipment used;
- When not employed on the above work, performs a variety of other manual tasks such as shoveling snow, sanding streets, and collecting garbage;
- May use computer applications or other automated systems such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, e-mail and database software in performing work assignments.

**REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES:** Good knowledge of the practices, materials, and methods used in tree felling, tree spraying, tree trimming, and tree surgery; knowledge of the planting, cultivating, transplanting, pruning, and shearing of trees and shrubs; skill in trimming and felling trees and in performing tree surgery; ability to climb and to work at considerable height under dangerous conditions; ability to understand and follow simple oral and written directions; ability to effectively use computer applications such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, e-mail and database software; ability to read, write, speak, understand and communicate in English sufficiently to perform the essential duties of the position; mechanical aptitude; dependability; physical condition commensurate with the duties of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Either: (a): graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and one (1) year of work experience which involved tree work such as trimming, chipping and removal of trees; or (b): five (5) years of experience as in (a) above.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

(1)Must possess a valid Commercial Drivers license to operate a motor vehicle in New York State.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: \$72,866.98 per year to start, \$88,323.66 per year after 2 years. This position is represented by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 456. The Village of Scarsdale offers medical, dental, paid time off, and enrollment in the NYS retirement system as benefits of this position.

Applications are available on the Village Website – [www.scarsdale.com](http://www.scarsdale.com) and may be submitted to [mjenkins@scarsdale.com](mailto:mjenkins@scarsdale.com)