



JOB DESCRIPTION

Title: **APPRENTICE UTILITY ARBORIST**
Department: Power
Class Code: 7025
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt
Effective Date: July 1, 1982 (Rev. 02/2025)

GENERAL PURPOSE

Under general supervision from the Forestry Supervisor and immediate supervision of the Forestry Crew Supervisor, performs entry level utility and urban forestry work.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

- Inspects trucks, tools and equipment used in forestry and grounds maintenance, for safe condition and efficient operation, and reports necessary repairs.
- Under supervision, prunes, removes, and maintains trees and vegetation from conflict with overhead power lines and structures. Works around energized conductors to maintain and clear utility right-of-way. Manually loads trucks with logs and other materials; cleans work areas; feeds brush chippers.
- Under supervision, operates bucket trucks and other equipment around energized lines, climbs trees, operates chain saws, chipper, stump grinder, dump trucks, hydraulic pruning tools, snowplow, backhoe, skid steer, etc.
- Under supervision, plants, prunes and maintains City street trees and City park trees, keeps a daily work record for the apprenticeship program.
- Completes the requirements of the Arborist Apprenticeship Program, in adherence to the established program schedule.
- Performs snow removal and landscaping duties as assigned.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience

- Graduation from high school.
- Must be at least 18 years of age.

Special Requirements

- Must be able to obtain and possess a valid Class A Utah Commercial Driver License within six (6) months after date of hire.

- Must possess a current non-commercial Pesticide Applicator License from the State of Utah within twelve (12) months of date of hire.
- Must be willing to respond to work-related call outs after hours.
- Must be on-call several times per year, for a period of seven (7) days each rotation, as determined by an assignment schedule adopted by the Department; must be on-site within 30 minutes of being called in.
- Must sign Apprenticeship contract as part of the hiring process.

Necessary Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Ability to perform strenuous physical activity; ability to work outside year around; ability to successfully participate in and complete the requirements of apprentice training; ability to climb and work at heights of up to 100 feet without undue discomfort; ability to communicate both verbally and in writing; ability to utilize safety procedures.

TOOLS & EQUIPMENT USED

- Motorized vehicles and equipment including pickup, dump truck, aerial lift, stump grinder, backhoe, skid steer, tree climbing equipment, chain saw, snowblower, various hand tools, and other equipment pertaining to this position.

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.

- While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to stand; walk; use hands to manipulate, handle, feel or operate objects, tools, or controls; and reach with hands and arms. The employee is frequently required to sit; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl; talk or hear. Employee is occasionally required to smell.
- The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 25 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus. Must be able to meet DOT hearing standard requirements.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly works in outside weather conditions. The employee frequently works near moving mechanical parts in high, precarious places and is frequently exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, ambient air, temperature extremes, fumes or airborne particles, traffic, toxic or caustic chemicals, risk of electrical shock, and vibration.
- The noise level in the work environment is usually high.

DEPT/DIVISION APPROVED BY: _____ DATE: _____

EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

H. R. DEPT. APPROVED BY: _____ DATE: _____