

CITY OF REDWOOD CITY TREE MAINTENANCE LEADER

DEFINITION

To perform a variety of skilled work involving the trimming, removal, installation, and general maintenance of trees; operate equipment; and to identify tree species, insects, and diseases.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

Positions assigned to this class perform the full range of duties normally expected of tree maintenance workers. In addition, a Tree Maintenance Leader is expected to perform the most difficult tree trimming, installation, and removal work, perform lead supervision for a small tree trimming work crew, and assist in the training of less experienced tree maintenance personnel.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives general supervision from the Park Supervisor.

Exercises direct and indirect supervision over semi-skilled and skilled tree maintenance personnel.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES - Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Inspect trees, identify tree species and disease.

Use ropes, hand saws, and power saws to climb and top trees.

Rig ropes in trees and determine placement of ropes for easiest and safest removal of limbs.

Determine limbs to be removed.

Assign tree maintenance tasks to City and contracted crews.

Check location of power lines, personnel, equipment, pedestrians, and traffic before cutting limbs.

Check ropes for wear and breakage.

Clean and maintain climbing and trimming equipment.

Plant and spray trees.

Operate chipper and drive trucks.

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Inspect tree trimming, installation, removal, and other work to be done; determine scope of work required, estimate time and material requirements.

Maintain work records; prepare reports.

Investigate complaints and respond to citizen inquires.

Assist in the training and supervision of less experienced personnel.

Requisition supplies, materials, and equipment.

Perform related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Tree diseases and the proper methods for their eradication.

Chemicals and sprays commonly used for tree and shrub care and their proper application.

Tools, methods, and techniques for accomplishing difficult tree trimming, removal, and installation work.

Safe work practices and hazards associated with the work.

Principles of supervision and training.

Ability to:

Detect tree diseases and hazardous conditions and effectively control and/or resolve the problem.

Perform the most complex and hazardous tree climbing, trimming, and general maintenance work in a safe and effective way.

Maintain routine records.

Operate a variety of park maintenance equipment.

Supervise and train less experienced personnel.

Establish and maintain effective work relationships with those contacted in the performance of required duties.

Maintain effective public relations.

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Physical Characteristics:

Must be able to perform heavy manual labor, work outside in varying climatic conditions, and climb trees.

Experience and Training Guidelines:

Any combination of experience and education that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Experience:

Three years experience performing journey level tree maintenance work.

Education:

Equivalent to completion of the twelfth grade supplemented by specialized training in tree maintenance and arboriculture.

License or Certificate:

Possession of, or ability to obtain, an appropriate, valid California Driver's License.

Desirable to possess an Arborist Certification.

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Bargaining Group: Service Employees' International Union - Local 715