

Jurisdictional Class: Competitive; Non-Competitive in City of Plattsburgh
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TREE SURGEON

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is important work involving responsibility for overseeing the care, preservation and removal of trees. Work is performed in accordance with prescribed routines, policies, and objectives with wide leeway allowed for working out the technical details on assignments. Supervision is exercised over the work of skilled and unskilled subordinates. The incumbent does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

Keeps transmissions lines clear of tree limbs;
Keeps overhead distribution lines open;
Removes fallen limbs caused by storms;
Supervises removal of dead or diseased trees;
Is responsible for keeping street lights and signal system free from obstructions;
Instructs subordinates in removal and trimming of trees;
Keeps records and makes reports of work done;
Performs a variety of routine labor duties.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES & PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of the principles and practices of tree care, including some knowledge of tree surgery;
Ability to plan and supervise the work of others;
Ability to follow written and oral directions;
Ability to climb trees;
Sound judgment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: One (1) year of experience in tree care, which will have included tree trimming.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Eligibility for an appropriate level New York State Driver's License at time of application. Possession of license at time of appointment.