



CITY OF HOUSTON

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Code: 971.1

Job Title: **TREE WORKER**

Pay Grade: 13

GENERAL SUMMARY:

Operates heavy equipment safely and efficiently to eliminate hazardous conditions involving trees within right-of-ways, parks, City facilities, and other public land.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Operates heavy equipment and trucks, i.e. aerial lift vehicles, removal dumps, loaders, booms, chippers, chipper trucks, stump grinders; and other equipment, i.e. saws, etc. to remove dangerous, fading, and lifeless trees and limbs.
- Performs a variety of manual tasks and activities, i.e. planting, climbing, and pruning trees, etc.
- Trims and removes trees along streets, parks, private properties, and public grounds to eliminate hazardous conditions, prevent interference with traffic, traffic signals, traffic signs, and overhead utility lines; and grinds stumps to eliminate trip hazards on public property.
- Maintains, cleans and services equipment, vehicles, tools and work area. Inspects vehicles for required supplies, materials and equipment.
- Observes and follows safety procedures and precautions at work-sites.
- Reports to work during all significant weather events or random incidents.
- May perform other duties as assigned.

SPECIFICATIONS:

KNOWLEDGE:

Basic knowledge of grammar, spelling, punctuation and simple mathematical functions like percentages, ratios, etc. as might normally be acquired through attainment of a high school diploma or a GED.

EXPERIENCE:

One year of experience in Arboriculture, Forestry, Horticulture, general landscaping, or a directly related field is required.

Licenses:

Must have a valid Class A or B Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and comply with the City of Houston's policy on driving based on the type of equipment the individual is assigned to operate. Must obtain an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Tree Worker Aerial Lift Specialist certification within six months of employment.

COMPLEXITY:

Work consists of routine standard procedures and tasks where simple analytical ability is required to select and execute actions.

IMPACT OF ACTIONS:

Errors in work cause some expense and inconvenience. Work is typically performed under moderate supervision and within standard operating procedures. The incumbent occasionally can function autonomously, with the supervisor available to answer questions as they arise.

SPECIFICATIONS: (continued)

SUPERVISION EXERCISED:

Direct Supervision:

No direct reports.

Indirect Supervision:

No indirect reports.

CONTACTS:

Internal Contacts:

Level of internal contact is extremely infrequent with virtually no contact beyond the immediate work unit/area. Interaction involves routine information exchange and/or simple service activity requiring common courtesy; e.g., answering questions, giving directions in response to simple requests.

External Contacts:

Level of external contact is extremely infrequent with virtually no outside contact. Interaction involves routine information exchange and/or simple service activity, which requires common courtesy; e.g., directing calls, and answering simple questions.

PHYSICAL EFFORT:

The position requires stooping, bending and/or lifting of items of up to 30 pounds with occasional periods of walking on rough surfaces.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

There are routine exposures to significant levels of heat, cold, moisture and air pollution. The position may involve periodic exposure to chemical substances and physical trauma of a minor nature such as cuts, bruises and minor burns.

PHYSICAL SKILL:

Requires the ability to make fairly complex coordinated and sequenced motor movements in response to quickly changing external stimuli.

MISCELLANEOUS:

All duties and responsibilities may not be included in the above job description.

JOB FAMILY:

Tree Worker
Forester Trainee
Forester
Senior Forester
Forestry Supervisor
Assistant Forestry Manager
Forestry Manager

Effective Date: October 2019