



MADISON, CITY OF (WI)
invites applications for the position of:

Arborist 1

SALARY: \$1,619.77 /Biweekly

COMP. GROUP/RANGE: 16/10

JOB TYPE: Perm Full Time

DEPARTMENT: Parks

OPENING DATE: 12/23/11

CLOSING DATE: 02/10/12 11:59 PM

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

This class series is designed to describe responsible skilled manual work in the care and maintenance of City trees and shrubs. The work includes the pruning, repairing, spraying and removal of trees; the preparation and planting of new trees; and the maintenance of related equipment.

This is not intended to be a progression series. Rather, positions at the Arborist 1 and Arborist 2 levels are dependent on the needs of the Parks Division and will be posted and filled through competition.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Prune, spray, plant and remove trees (along streets and on other City properties) and perform other related tasks in conjunction with the care and treatment of City trees. Conduct related inspections and identify and treat diseases, tree injuries and infestations. Provide information to the public concerning pruning and related tree care activities.

Climb trees using ladders, rope and saddle, or other methods. Prune or cut branches using chain saws, handsaws or other equipment. Perform related maintenance. Perform tree removal with an aerial tower or rope and saddle.

Cut and remove decayed and diseased tree parts.

Prune small trees from the ground using a pole saw and pole pruner.

Operate, perform related safety checks, and assist in the maintenance of aerial towers, assigned vehicles and other equipment. Operate snow removal equipment such as snow plow, snow blower, shovel, skid steer and utility work machines.

Pick up, prepare and plant new trees in housing developments, parks and other locations.

Operate brush chippers and large log hauling trucks.

Repair trees damaged by vehicles and storms.
Perform related work as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

Working knowledge of tree care and the methods, techniques and equipment used in pruning, spraying, planting and removal of trees. Working knowledge of the precautions and equipment

necessary to perform the work safely. Ability to operate and maintain specialized pruning, forestry tools and equipment such as chain and hand saws, pole pruners, chipper, augers, ropes, ladders, dump truck, aerial tower and cabling and rodding equipment. Ability to climb trees and work with equipment at varying heights and angles. Ability to move ladders and lift logs and branches. Ability to perform very strenuous physical activity. Ability to work in adverse weather conditions. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with staff and the general public. Skill in pruning, removing, repairing and planting trees. Ability to maintain required licenses and certifications. Ability to maintain adequate attendance.

Training and Experience:

Two years of responsible experience in tree pruning and related tree care activities which involved significant experience in operating specialized tree pruning equipment. Other combinations of training and/or experience which can be demonstrated to result in the possession of the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to perform the duties of this position will also be considered.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Possession of a valid Class B Wisconsin Commercial Driver's License. The successful candidate must have passed the written portion of the relevant Department of Transportation testing process before starting employment. A condition of continued employment is passage of the skills portion of the test and obtaining the required operator's license within the probationary period.

Certification in CPR and first aid or the ability to obtain certification within the probation/trial period. Failure to obtain this certification within the probation/trial period will result in the employee not passing probation/trial period, absent extenuating circumstances.

Physical Requirements:

Employees in this position must be able to lift/carry objects weighing up to 50 pounds and must be capable of lifting heavier objects with another employee. This position requires a high percentage of work outdoors in all types of weather and at various heights above the ground. In addition, employees must be able to frequently bend, twist, squat, climb and reach for extended periods of time.

It is the applicant's responsibility to list all related jobs, correct dates of employment, number of hours per week, etc. Be sure to place the complete job title on your application. If you wish to provide additional or supplemental information, please provide a resume in addition to the formal application. If the applicant is still employed please indicate this. Failure to provide accurate and complete information may result in not being considered for this position.

All applicants are notified of the status of their application in each selection process. Those applicants invited to exams will receive notice of the date, time, and location. Alternate exam dates/times are not available except in the case of an emergency. Emergency situations are reviewed on an individual basis. Conflicting work hours is not considered an emergency. Exams are job specific and are developed based on the duties to be performed and the criteria listed under Knowledge, Skills and Abilities section of the job announcement. Study guides for general Civil Service exams may be available at the Public Library. Exam results will be available within 3-4 weeks. Due to the volume of exams given by our office, exam scores will not be available by the telephone. Thank you for your cooperation.

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