

Tree Trimmer

Definition:

Under direction, works in the maintenance and care of trees including tree trimming, pruning, planting, felling, tree removal and cleanup in parks and facilities throughout Kern County.

Incumbents in this classification are primarily responsible for loading and feeding brush and tree limbs into a chipper machine and performing general cleanup work associated with the activities of a tree trimming crew. They may also operate aerial lift equipment and trim trees at varying heights. Incumbents may work irregular hours, including evenings, weekends, holidays, and be willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions anywhere in Kern County. This is the entry level of the classification series of Tree Trimmer.

Essential Functions:

- Cuts up felled trees and limbs with a chain saw
- Feeds cut limbs and brush into a chipper machine
- Operates tractors with various attachments
- Performs minor repairs and maintenance to stump grinder and chipper machines such as lubrication, oil changes and cleaning.
- Operates stump grinder machine
- Trims trees and brush from ground level, and may assist in pruning trees from the aerial lift
- Utilizes personal safety equipment and performs other related work as required
- Performs other job-related duties as required

Employment Standards:

- One year of experience in operation of light and medium motorized equipment related to tree maintenance activities, such as chainsaws, chippers, pole saws and stump grinders.
- Possession of a valid California Class "C" driver's license is required upon appointment.

Incumbents must have the ability to travel to designated locations.

Knowledge of: materials, methods and equipment used in tree trimming; trees found in the area; safety rules and practices pertaining to tree trimming work.

Ability to: communicate effectively both orally and in writing for efficient job performance; learn to use power and hand tools; learn proper methods, materials and equipment used in trimming and caring for trees; learn proper maintenance of tools and equipment; follow oral and written instructions.

A background check may be conducted for this classification.

All Kern County employees are designated "Disaster Service Workers" through state and local laws (CA Government Code Sec.3100-3109 and Ordinance Code Title 2-Administration, Ch. 2.66 Emergency Services). As Disaster Service Workers, all County employees are expected to remain at work, or to report for work as soon as practicable, following a significant emergency or disaster.