

# NEW CASTLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Number 0330

## CLASS SPECIFICATION

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**Title:** TREE TRIMMER HELPER

**Approved:**

*Christine Dunning*

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:** Performs manual labor of more than ordinary difficulty in assisting a Tree Trimmer prune and care for trees; does related work as required.

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** An employee in this class performs routine tasks involving the use of skills acquired by experience or through on-the-job instruction. This employee assists the Tree Trimmer by handling ropes and necessary equipment required in the performance of duties. This employee must be able to understand the work performed in order to prevent falling limbs from causing serious damage to public property, injury to persons or injury to the Tree Trimmer. This employee is under the direct supervision of another employee at all times.

**EXAMPLES OF WORK:** (Illustrative only)

- Lowers tree branches and limbs to the ground with ropes or block and tackle after being cut;
- Hoists tools and equipment;
- Performs light maintenance on power saws such as sharpening chain saws or replacing the chain on saw;
- Operates power saw to cut limbs on the ground;
- Operates chipping machine to chip brush;
- Operates stump cutting and wood splitting machines;
- Ties rope knots and splices rope;
- Positions and steadies ladders;
- Plants or transplants trees and shrubs while under close supervision;
- Drives equipment truck;
- May climb trees and cut off limbs as a part of training for the Tree Trimmer class;
- Performs Maintenance and Construction Worker duties when not performing regular duties.

**REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:** Some knowledge of the tools, methods and materials used in cutting down and removing trees; some knowledge of tying knots for rope lines; some knowledge of the hazards and safety measures involved in tree trimming; willingness to perform heavy manual labor for an extended period of time under varying weather conditions; ability to pass a Class II County physical examination.

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**ACCEPTABLE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:** At least one year experience working with a tree crew or at least three years' experience in performing semi-skilled maintenance or construction tasks and completion of a standard grade school course; or an equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:** Possession of a valid Delaware Class D driver's license or its equivalent; must obtain a valid Delaware commercial driver's license Class B (CDL B) within one year of placement within the position.

**HISTORY OF REVISIONS:**

Established: 07/09/75  
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