

**CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
CLASS SPECIFICATION**

Position Title: Tree Trimmer I Tree Trimmer II	Job Family: 6 6
General Classification: Front-Line	Job Grade: 12 16

Definition: To perform a variety of duties in the trimming, pruning, planting, and removing of street and park trees.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

Tree Trimmer I: This is the entry-level classification of the Tree Trimmer series. This class is distinguished from the Tree Trimmer II by the performance of the more routine tasks and duties assigned to positions with this series. Employees at this level are not expected to perform with the same independence of direction and judgment on matters related to established procedures and guidelines as are positions allocated to the II level. Employees work under immediate supervision while learning job tasks.

Receives immediate supervision from the Urban Forest Supervisor; technical supervision may be provided by other higher-level tree trimmer personnel.

Tree Trimmer II: This is the full journey-level class within the Tree Trimmer series. Employees within this class are distinguished from Tree Trimmer I by the performance of the full range of duties as assigned. Employees at this level receive only occasional instruction or assistance as new or unusual situations arise and are fully aware of the operating procedures and policies within the work unit.

Receives general supervision from the Urban Forest Supervisor; may exercise technical supervision over other tree trimmer personnel as assigned.

Examples of Duties: Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Trim, prune, plant, and otherwise maintain street and park trees, working from the ground, and bucket truck.
2. Use small power equipment and hand tools to cut and trim trees.
3. Set up the work site in a safe, efficient manner.
4. Load brush, logs, and leaves into trucks.
5. Maintain current knowledge of tree identification and common pests and diseases.

6. Operate tree trimming equipment.
7. Tie and stake small trees.
8. Maintain equipment, chain saws, and hand saws.
9. Perform other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications: Tree Trimmer I

Knowledge of: The kinds and characteristics of the common shade and ornamental trees used in the parks and parkway areas; the method and equipment used in planting, pruning, trimming, and removing trees; and safe work practices and policies.

Ability to: Learn to climb trees; use power saws, shears, axes, pruning hooks, and other standard tree trimming tools and equipment; understand and follow written and oral directions; operate heavy equipment (bucket truck, tractor, forklift, water tanker)/vehicles safely; establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work; and maintain tree trimming tools and equipment.

Experience and Training Guidelines: A combination of relevant experience, education, and training that will satisfy the required minimum qualifications, knowledge, and abilities.

One year of park or landscape maintenance experience. Education equivalent to the completion of the 12th grade.

Required Licenses or Certificates: Possession of a valid California Class C Driver License. Possession of a valid California Class B Driver License may be required by the position within six months of appointment.

Minimum Qualifications: Tree Trimmer II

In addition to the requirements for Tree Trimmer I:

Knowledge of: Principles and practices of arboricultural techniques and standards; how to use ladders and lines in tree work; techniques for using the bucket truck in trimming and pruning trees; and appropriate cuts to be made based on type of tree.

Ability to: Climb around any tree that is in need of trimming and pruning; and remove broken limbs in trees.

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Experience and Training Guidelines: A combination of relevant experience, education, and training that will satisfy the required minimum qualifications, knowledge, and abilities.

Two years of experience performing duties comparable to that of a Tree Trimmer I. Education equivalent to the completion of the 12th grade. An Arborist Certification issued by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) is desirable.

Required Licenses or Certificates: Possession of a valid California Class C Driver License. Ability to obtain a valid California Class B Driver License within six months of appointment. Possession of a valid California Class A Driver License may be required of some assignments. Possession of, or ability to obtain, a California Certified Pesticide Applicator license may be required of the position.

Working Conditions: Preemployment and periodic respiratory examinations may be required for this classification.

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