

UTILITY TREE TRIMMER

Job Description

NRECA Job Code: 55-7661

Operates chain saws, chippers and other equipment in the right of way maintenance of transmission and distribution systems.

Typical responsibilities include:

- Participates In the work of a tree crew. Prioritizes work assignments and carries out tasks In an efficient and effective manner.
- Trims/Prunes and removes trees within prescribed right of way that endanger OCEC transmission, distribution, and secondary utility power lines to ensure public safety and maintain system reliability.
- Follows safe work practices, demonstrates proper equipment use, ensures all arboriculture work related operations are compliant to Industry best practices, ANSI Z133 standards, In house safety standards and all applicable regulations.
- Climbs trees of varying heights using rope, saddles, spurs, or aerial hydraulic lifts and bucket trucks to safely trim/prune remove trees,
- Respond to emergency calls to mitigate trees of Imminent hazards, remove any fallen, damaged sections or entire trees that have or could damage powerline Infrastructure.
- Identify and translate the danger and proper protocol for working and obtaining clearances when down powerline/structure has vegetation removal needed from powerlines/structures
- Maintains, inspects and operates a variety of equipment such as hydraulic aerial lift, bucket trucks, hand and power saws, wood chippers, winches, tree cabling hardware and all other field equipment.
- Participate in and complete job briefings with all personnel on the jobsite ensuring that all employees are involved and understand potential hazards and safety rules are always followed.
- Obtain and maintain an Electrical Hazards Awareness Program (EHAP) certification
- All other duties assigned

Job Requirements:

- High school diploma or GED
- Maintain a valid New Mexico Driver's License
- 2 years of experience in technical arboriculture work operations.
- Experience working with storm damaged trees and downed overhead powerline facilities.
- Knowledge of Safety rules and practices used in operating and maintaining tree trimming equipment and trucks.
- Familiar with ANZI 2133 safety handbook
- Knots and rope ties used in tree trimming/removal work.
- Able to identify insect and disease problems which affect tree health.
- Knowledge of common tree species and growth characteristics.
- Tree trimming/pruning techniques and practices used in arboriculture industry.
- Climbing techniques and proper use and care of tree work equipment.
- Knowledge of hazards incurred in climbing, pruning, and felling trees and safety precautions to be observed.
- Ability to climb trees and work at heights in precarious positions and under adverse weather conditions.
- Establish and maintain cooperative relationships with those contacted In the course of work.
- Ability to operate a computer, tablet for emails, assigned tasks and mapping.
- Knowledge of basic powerline components and nominal voltages
- Ability to hear and communicate with another person up to 80' away.