

TREE PRUNER TITLE DEFINITION

I. DEFINITION

This is specialized and semi-skilled work related to the care of trees and shrubs. Positions allocated to this job title are responsible for the cultivation and maintenance of trees and shrubs located on the grounds of a University of Wisconsin campus. Positions also perform other groundskeeping work to support the overall groundskeeping operation of a University of Wisconsin campus, but not for a majority of time. Work is performed under general supervision.

Examples of work performed:

- Examine trees and shrubs to determine the general health of plants.
- Diagnose problems and implement appropriate chemical or cultural practices to remedy condition.
- Cut away and dispose of damaged, dying, and dead wood.
- Remove and dispose of diseased wood in accordance with silvicultural practices to avoid the spread of disease to other plants.
- Clean and treat wounds using protective compounds and aseptic techniques.
- Prune woody plants for shape relative to species and/or location.
- Shear deciduous and evergreen hedges.
- Mulch tree bases and shrubbery beds to eliminate weeds and protect tree trunks.
- Excavate planting sites with power equipment and/or hand tools and amend soil.
- Install new woody plants, and wrap and secure young trees with stake or guy wires.
- Cable and/or guy weak branches of mature trees.
- Maintain nursery stock.
- Climb trees using climbing hooks and belts, and/or climb ladders to gain access to work area.
- Use and operate a variety of equipment used in tree and shrubbery maintenance, such as hand and chain saws, pruning hooks, shears, long-handled clippers, hydraulic chemical sprayers, brush chippers, tree spades, backhoes, and dump and pickup trucks.
- Inspect, clean, and perform routine maintenance on equipment used for tree and shrubbery maintenance.
- Maintain records of tree and shrubbery maintenance activities.
- Assist other groundskeeping staff with snow removal and other groundskeeping projects, as requested.
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Supervisor.
- May direct limited term employees, student workers, inmates, and/or other workers assisting with tree and shrubbery maintenance work.

II. QUALIFICATIONS

The qualifications required for these positions will be determined at the time of recruitment.

III. RELATED TITLES

Gardener, Groundskeeper, Grounds Crew Lead