



## Tree Climber

Dutchess County Department of Public Works – Highway  
Salary: \$54,755

This is a permanent position in the Dutchess County Department of Public Works – Highway Division. This position is responsible for the pruning, trimming, and spraying, transplanting and felling of trees. This class differs from that of Tree Trimmers because Tree Climbers normally work from a bucket or in the trees. The incumbent is required to work from aerial lift trucks and may climb into the trees to remove large branches. Work is performed under general supervision. Supervision may be exercised over the work of subordinate personnel.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

Works from aerial lift trucks to trim, thin, and top trees and remove dangerous limbs; Uses ropes, pruning poles, files and other tools and equipment in pruning activities; May climb into trees to remove dangerous limbs; Maintains and cleans tools, equipment and vehicles including, but not limited to: shovels, rakes, forks, brooms, tampers, rollers, chains, saws (including sharpening), axes and clippers; Operates a variety of portable power and mechanized equipment such as, but not limited to: chain saws, power drive and impact tools, etc.; May perform semi-skilled carpentry: cutting lumber, building saw horses or repairing equipment, etc.; May participate in the care of lawns and the care and trimming of shrubbery and trees; May perform minor tasks of a semi-skilled nature; May assist in snow and ice control activities.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Two (2) years of work experience involving pruning, trimming, spraying, transplanting and felling of trees.

### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Candidates must possess a valid New York State Class B Commercial Driver's License at time of application and to maintain position. This license must contain no restrictions other than those relating to personal physical conditions. Such restrictions will be reviewed on a case by case basis for compatibility with job duties and will not be an automatic bar to employment.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Applicants for positions that require driving a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) at any time will be required to undergo controlled substances and at our discretion, alcohol testing prior to employment and will be subject to further testing throughout their period of employment. Applicants will also be asked to sign forms for release of information from previous employers in all cases where driving a CMV was one of your functions. Failure to sign will prevent this employer from using you as a CMV driver.

**FINGERPRINTING:** A fingerprint supported background investigation is required before an appointment is made to some positions. Pursuant to New York State Executive Law, the Division of Criminal Justice Services requires that a fee accompany each such request for a search. It is due once a job offer is made and accepted by the applicant.

**For immediate consideration, submit an application on or before 11/25/24**

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and mail it to the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources,  
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