



## Assistant Tree Climber

Dutchess County Department of Public Works – Highway  
2024 Salary: \$50,978

This is a permanent position in the Dutchess County Department of Public Works – Highway Division. This position Performs semi-skilled tasks in connection with the pruning, trimming, spraying, transplanting and felling of trees. This position differs from Tree Trimmer in that incumbents in this position are required to climb trees and work from aerial lift trucks while tree trimmers work on the ground and from Assistant Tree Climber because it does not have supervisory responsibilities. The work is performed under the direct supervision of Tree Maintenance Supervisor or Tree Climber.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

Trims, thins, and tops trees; Removes dangerous limbs; Braces and cables large leaders and limbs; Uses ropes, pruning poles, files and other tools and equipment in pruning activities; Executes rigging work; Climbs trees in performing the above activities; Operates aerial lift truck and related equipment; Maintains and makes minor repairs to pruning and trimming equipment; Uses and repairs chain saws; Operates shredding and brush chipping equipment; May assist in snow and ice control activities, including operating a snowplow/sander truck.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

One (1) year of full-time paid experience in tree maintenance, tree removal or trimming of trees. Experience climbing trees is required in order to be considered for this position. Candidate needs to indicate experience that includes the safe operation, care, and maintenance of various hand and power tools, including hand saws, gas-powered chain saws, and/or other equipment related to tree maintenance and/or removal activities.

### **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. **A copy of the current valid license is required at time of application in order to be able to be considered for appointment.**

**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 1/3/2025**

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OR

Download an application from [www.dutchessny.gov/jobs](http://www.dutchessny.gov/jobs),  
and mail it to the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources,  
22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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