

# URBAN FORESTRY SPECIALIST TRAINEE

**THE PURPOSE:** As trainees, incumbents will perform various activities that are closely associated with planting, maintaining and removing trees, landscaping, and turf growing on the City of Milwaukee's boulevards and green spaces. Incumbents will also be expected to function in an emergency capacity to remove broken branches and fallen trees.

## ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Pruning trees by means of climbing, using a rope and saddle while working at heights of 60 feet or higher.
- Planting, maintaining, and removing trees, shrubs, flowers and turf on all City boulevards and green spaces.
- Operating large vehicles such as hi-lifts and 2 1/2 ton dump trucks.
- Operating specialized power equipment and hand equipment, such as mowers, stumpers, chainsaws, chippers, trencher/backhoes, pipe pullers, various types of sprayers, and other hand and/or motorized equipment used in the industry.
- Constructing, repairing, and maintaining concealed irrigation systems.
- Participating in snow and ice control operations including plowing snow and salting city streets.
- Participating in the removal of downed trees and limbs and in the abatement of hazardous conditions caused by wind, snow, and ice storms.
- Recording and maintaining daily activity reports.
- Performing other job-related responsibilities as assigned.

**Note:** The Urban Forestry Specialist Trainee program is scheduled to last a minimum of six months. Urban Forestry Specialist Trainees may be promoted to Urban Forestry Specialist after successful completion of the Urban Forestry Specialist Trainee program.

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age or have completed high school.
2. Valid driver's license at time of application and a good driving record.
3. Commercial Driver's License (CDL) without Air Brakes restriction within six months of appointment.
4. Residency in the City of Milwaukee within 6 months of appointment.

## KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES REQUIRED:

- Ability to learn to climb trees using rope and other tree-climbing equipment.
- Ability to learn to work at heights of 60 feet or more while utilizing the proper safety equipment.
- Ability to learn to plant, maintain and remove trees, shrubs, flowers, and turf.
- Ability to learn to operate and drive vehicles such as a hi-lift and 2.5-ton dump truck.
- Ability to learn to operate job-related power equipment and hand-held equipment.
- Ability to learn to construct, repair, and maintain irrigation systems.
- Ability to learn to safely drive and operate snow plows on city streets.
- Ability to learn to safely drive and operate salt trucks on city streets.
- Ability to climb a ladder to heights 35 feet or more.
- Ability to transfer objects weighing 50 lbs. or more.
- Ability to document daily activity reports.
- Ability to follow verbal instructions.
- Written communication skills.
- Interpersonal skills.

**THE CURRENT SALARY RANGE (210) IS:** \$30,697 - \$35,922 annually.