



JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: **Journeyman Line Clearance Arborist**

REPORTS TO: Tree Crew Foreman

REVISION: 12/14/20

SUMMARY:

Work consists of supervision as requested, training, safety and production of employees on the crew and responsibility of equipment assigned to him. In the absence of the Foreman, the Journeyman will have charge of any aerial work or work near energized lines. Shall be capable of climbing, bucket operation, and trimming trees in a safe, efficient and expedient manner. Shall be able to work with the public on advance public relations efforts to minimize right-of-way complaints. Shall initially address customer complaints and, if necessary, refer to the office.

Every employee of the Cooperative has a responsibility to contribute the Cooperative's culture of safety. The Journeyman Line Clearance Arborist's first concern in the execution of his or her duties must always be the safety of co-workers, members, and the public.

The Journeyman Line Clearance Arborist shall be able to perform all the duties of a Laborer and Line Clearance Arborist. A Journeyman Line Clearance Arborist may be required to act as the Tree Crew Forman in his / her absence.

DUTIES:

1. Shall be experienced in safe operating practices all right-of-way maintenance equipment including chain saws, ropes, trimming tools. Shall be thoroughly familiar with proper gas and oil mixtures used in the saw and be responsible for proper oiling and sharpening of the chain for peak operating efficiency.
2. Shall have experience in the proper notching and cutting of trees so as to cause them to fall at specific locations, causing the least damage, the least labor to limb out and log, and so as to cause the least destruction or inconvenience to property of others or interference with facilities to other utilities.
3. Shall have knowledge of system maps to properly locate and document right-of-way progress and concerns.
4. Shall have knowledge and ability to appraise merchantable timber so as to cut the same into log lengths of maximum value without undue waste.
5. Shall have knowledge of the basic techniques most suited to perform a professional trimming operation of ornamental, fruit or shade trees.
6. Upon occasion or in an emergency, performs other related or less skilled work as required or directed, including the operation of transportation equipment.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Assist line crews in construction and maintenance of electric distribution plant by performing manual labor tasks such as: loading trucks with line material or assisting in carrying heavy equipment in the field.



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2. Off-load delivery trucks and complete receiving reports, snowplowing and yard-work, as required.

ACCOUNTABILITIES:

1. Follows company and department policies and accurately performs detailed procedures.
2. Maintaining strict confidentiality of all members' records.
3. Maintaining acceptable employee relations and employee discipline.
4. Continually improving personal education and knowledge to prepare for possible problems and solutions.
5. Must be courteous and promote the interest of the Cooperative among the members.
6. Ability to ascertain facts that assure that information is complete and accurate.
7. Perform all other duties as may be assigned which can be reasonably performed.
8. Is familiar with and uses appropriate personal protective equipment in accordance with the Cooperative's Safety Manual. Follows safe work practices in accordance with the Cooperative's Safety Manual.

JOB SPECIFICATIONS:

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

Good communications skills, both oral and written. Demonstrated possession of tact, integrity and common sense. Must possess knowledge of safety rules and cooperative policies & practices. Must possess a valid NYS Class B CDL driver's license. Effective 12/11/20, new Journeymen must obtain a NYS Class A CDL driver's license within 1 year of employment or 1 year of eligibility (ie before 22nd birthday) whichever comes first. Must have a general knowledge of electrical distribution systems and ability to spot line clearance and other general safety hazards.

Must be knowledgeable about good utility practice in the craft of tree trimming, line clearance, and general vegetation management.

EDUCATION

A minimum of a high school diploma is required

EXPERIENCE

Ability to successfully complete a Journeyman test. A preference of three (3) years of utility right-of-way clearance experience.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Must be physically fit.
- Must possess average mental and manual dexterity plus vision in both eyes correctable to 20/20.
- Work requires walking over varying terrain, bending, reaching, and lifting objects weighing up to 100 pounds.



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- Must be able to withstand exposure to adverse elements when required in emergency outage situations.
 - Must be able to climb into and out of a man-bucket on a tree bucket truck.
 - Must be able to climb trees.

NON EXEMPT STATUS

This position is subject to the “Outside” Collective Bargaining Agreement with IBEW Local 10 and to the overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act, as amended, and therefore may perform any and all craft work related to the position.