



JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: **Line Clearance Arborist**

REPORTS TO: Tree Crew Foreman

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SUMMARY:

Work consists of operation of equipment assigned to him to down trees, block trees, dice brush, chip brush, load brush and logs on trucks, assist in handling of ropes and other tools in the performance of the work. The Line Clearance Arborist will participate in aerial work or work near energized lines under direct supervision while being trained. Under supervision, shall be capable of climbing and trimming trees in a safe 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 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 Line Clearance Arborist shall be able to perform all the duties of a Laborer. A Line Clearance Arborist may be responsible to run the Tree Crew in the absence of all more qualified employees. However, the Tree Crew's activities shall be limited to those activities commensurate with the Line Clearance Arborists skills and experience.

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. Under supervision, shall utilize system maps to properly locate and document right-of-way progress and concerns.
4. Under supervision, shall appraise merchantable timber so as to cut the same into log lengths of maximum value without undue waste.
5. Under supervision, shall utilize basic techniques 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.
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 driver's license with the understanding of achieving a NYS CDL Class A driver's license within 1 year of hire. 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

N/A

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.