



HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

City of Burlington

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ARBORIST TECHNICIAN - HORTICULTURE PARKS, RECREATION AND WATERFRONT

POSTING DATE: December 15, 2015
RATE OF PAY: \$20.5957 /hour
EXEMPT/NON-EXEMPT: Non-Exempt

DEADLINE TO APPLY: December 28, 2015
POSITION STATUS: Limited Service Full Time
CLASSIFICATION GRADE: 15
UNION: Non-Union

APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE

This position is responsible for assisting the City Arborist in the care and maintenance of the City's public trees, flowerbeds/shrub beds, and for tree trimming around utility lines. In addition, this position is responsible for assisting to maintain the City's ArcGis tree inventory, including data collection and updated work history; pesticide applications on turf grasses, and for carrying out specialty mowing City's closed landfill and specific greenways.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Perform tree trimming around electric utility lines in accordance with ANSI Z133 standards.
- Removal of trees and shrubs in accordance with ANSI Z133 standards.
- Planting of trees, shrubs and flowers in accordance with ANSI Z60.1 standards.
- Perform cultural practices on all public trees including, but not limited to pruning, cabling and bracing, fertilizing, aerating, vertical mulching and root pruning in accordance with ANSI A300 standards.
- Perform safe work practices for vehicle traffic and pedestrian worksite set-up.
- Assist in updating an inventory of street, park and cemetery trees in the city.
- Collect information on public trees including location, caliper/diameter, species, and condition issues.
- Record tree information in the field using GIS software and handheld GPS unit.
- Conduct field survey using a Department vehicle and City owned equipment in all weather conditions.
- Coordinate data/ information between the Parks and Recreation Trees & Greenways Division and City's IT Division.
- Train and supervise seasonal workers as required.
- Inspect and diagnose insect and disease problems and recommend and apply appropriate treatments on public vegetation.
- Perform cultural practices on turf including the application of pesticides and the mowing of greenways and right of ways.
- Operate snow removal equipment as directed.

QUALIFICATIONS/BASIC JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Associates Degree in Forestry, Arboriculture or Horticulture and two years of experience in the field of commercial or municipal arboriculture, with experience in hand climbing. Additional experience may be substituted for a degree requirement on a two-for-one year basis.
- Ability to obtain and maintain a valid CDL class B driver's license within the three months of employment.
- Basic computer skills in a Windows environment required.
- Proficiency of ARCGis/ARCMAP and a working knowledge of Trimble GPS equipment preferred.
- Experience in landscaping and landscape construction highly desirable.
- Ability to obtain and maintain a Vermont Pesticide Applicators license within one year of date of employment required.
- Ability to obtain and maintain an International Society of Arboriculture, Arborists Certification (ISA) within one year from date of employment required.
- Ability to identify and treat potential and actual public safety hazards with regard to fallen trees, dead limbs, and trees in electric lines.
- Ability to obtain and maintain Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) Electrical Hazard Awareness Certification within 90 days from date of hire required.
- Ability to safely operate all specialized Arboricultural equipment, including but not limited to Aerial lift truck, brush chipper, chain saws, hydraulic sprayer.
- Ability to operate all landscape tractors and other related equipment including, but not limited to over the guard rail mower, 16-foot batwing mower, backhoe, etc.
- Ability to perform routine and basic maintenance on arboricultural equipment including, but not limited to chainsaws, brush chippers, aerial lift, tractors, batwing mowers, etc.
- Ability to effectively express verbally to the public job tasks that are being performed when asked.
- Ability to actively support City diversity, equity, and cultural competency efforts within stated job responsibilities and work effectively across diverse cultures and constituencies.
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion as evidenced by ongoing trainings and professional development.
- Regular attendance is necessary and is essential to meeting the expectations of the job functions.
- Ability to understand and comply with City standards, safety rules and personnel policies.

To Apply: Submit cover letter, resume and a City of Burlington Application to: Human Resources Department, 200 Church Street, Suite 102, Burlington, Vermont 05401. To obtain an application or for more information about the City of Burlington, please see our website: www.burlingtonvt.gov/HR. The City of Burlington will not tolerate unlawful harassment or discrimination on the basis of political or religious affiliation, race, color, national origin, place of birth, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, veteran status, disability, HIV positive status or genetic information. The City is also committed to providing proper access to services, facilities, and employment opportunities. For accessibility information or alternative formats, please contact Human Resources Department at 865-7145.

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