



JOB DESCRIPTION

SENIOR FORESTRY TECHNICIAN

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GENERAL PURPOSE: Performs a variety of forestry functions for the Minot Park District's Forestry Department. This position will lead a crew in day to day operations.

PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The following duties **ARE NOT** intended to serve as a comprehensive list of all duties performed by all employees in this classification, only a representative summary of the primary duties and responsibilities. Incumbent(s) may not be required to perform all duties listed and may be required to perform additional, position-specific duties.

- This position may be in charge of the City Forestry personnel in the absence of the City Forester.
- Supervise work activities and/or provide training to assigned personnel as required.
- Provides assistance in maintaining the District's urban forest in a safe and healthy manner.
- Operates various types of heavy equipment including dump trucks, bobcats, pay loaders, tractors, tree spades, stump grinders, brush chippers, and boom trucks.
- Participates in landscape projects including planting park and boulevard trees.
- Trims, prunes, tops, and cuts down trees throughout the District, removes tree roots and stumps.
- Responds to public inquiries and consults with homeowners regarding forestry related matters.
- Inspects trees and shrubs and diagnoses issues with insects and/or diseases.
- Removes split and damaged limbs from trees; extricates tree limbs from power lines.
- Assists in removing fallen trees and/or tree limbs from buildings and cars as required.
- Provides assistance in selecting tree species for planting and/or preparing landscape plans.
- Performs other duties as assigned or required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Education and Experience:

Associate's Degree in Forestry, AND three years urban forestry experience; OR an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Required licenses or Certifications:

- Must possess a valid North Dakota Commercial Driver's License.
- International Society of Arborists (ISA) and First Aid/CPR certifications are required.

Required Knowledge of:

- Principles and practices of urban forestry.
- Various types of equipment and tools common to forestry work.
- Safety protocols relative to equipment operation.
- Tree trimming and removal processes.

Required skill in:

- Coordinating and performing a variety of forestry functions.
- Providing assistance in maintaining the District's urban forest in a safe and healthy manner.
- Accurately diagnosing tree insects and diseases.
- Safely operating and maintaining departmental equipment and tools.

Work Environment:

- Work is performed primarily outdoors and involves equipment operation, working at heights, and lifting of objects weighing up to 100 pounds.