

## ARBORIST

FLSA STATUS – Non-Exempt

### DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

Under the Grounds Superintendent supervision performs a variety of work involved in the care for trees and plantings in the city; supervises seasonal crew assigned to them.

### DUTIES:

#### ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

Performs a variety of duties in the caring for, cutting, trimming, pruning and planting of all the City of Rawlins' trees and shrubs. Advises others regarding the planting and care of trees and shrubs. Clears plantings and branches at street intersections to provide view for traffic. Aids Superintendent in planning, organizing, laying, and carrying out a program of tree planting and care. Inventories trees in public places and right-of-ways. Identifies discard trees and determines proper action. Maintains irrigation systems; replaces and repairs pipes and fixtures. Aids Superintendent in applying for and administering grant funds; maintains records of work performed.

#### OTHER DUTIES:

Assist co-workers and other departments as need be including snow removal, attend educational and training seminars and conferences; perform related duties.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

Thorough knowledge of horticulture as it relates to trees and shrubs.  
Working knowledge of qualities of various species of trees and shrubs.  
The knowledge of the hazards involved in the trimming and cutting of trees, and the use of saws and similar equipment.  
The ability to plan an effective work program and accomplish it in a timely manner.  
The ability to properly care for the equipment used.  
The ability to effectively supervise assigned personnel.  
The ability to operate a variety of medium equipment, as front end loaders.  
The ability to operate and use the City's bucket truck for tree servicing.  
The ability to climb ladders for tree and shrub servicing.  
The ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, officials, and the public.

### PHYSICAL AND SENSORY REQUIREMENTS:

The ability to perform moderate to heavy physical work as well as lift and carry up to 50 pounds and occasionally heavier weights.  
The ability to stand, walk, run, sit, ride, climb, twist, reach, grasp, push, pull, and perform similar body movements.

Possesses hand/eye/foot coordination adequate to operate chain saws and hand tools, a computer and vehicle.

The ability to speak and hear in person, by telephone, and two-way radio.

The ability to see and read instructions, manuals, trade journals, similar documents and figures on a computer screen.

**EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:**

Any combination of experience and training equivalent to graduation from high school supplemented by college level courses in horticulture, arboriculture or related subjects. Three (3) years of experience as an arborist or in forestry.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Certified as an Arborist, possesses or obtains certification as a pesticide applicator by the state of Wyoming; possesses or obtains a valid CDL class B with air brake endorsement.

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