

UTILITY ARBORIST JOB DESCRIPTION



ABOUT ECO TREE CARE

Eco Tree Care is dedicated to providing personalized, professional tree care and consulting services from Kingston to Ottawa and Belleville to Cornwall. Our team is committed to environmentally sensitive and safe practices. We are recognized regionally by our clients and other arboricultural professionals for our extensive knowledge, experience, education, trusted advice, and high standards of workmanship in all our projects.

Eco Tree Care commits itself to placing accident prevention among its paramount objectives. The corporate expectation is that every employee, whether manager, supervisor or worker, will contribute their part in creating and maintaining a safe and healthy workplace. The company commits itself to ensuring that all legislative requirements be understood and observed with the expressed intent of improving the quality of life of all employees. These goals will be accomplished through ongoing education, training, and daily safe work practices, with the expressed intent to create a culture of safety.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Perform tree maintenance and tree removal, cabling, and bracing, using aerial device and manual climbing using approved climbing and safety equipment and techniques, in proximity to energized conductors or electrical apparatus
- Drive/operate/inspect and ensure proper maintenance of various vehicles and equipment, including but not limited to: bucket trucks, chipper, tractor/loader, backhoe, stump grinder, sprayer, fertilizers, chain saw, motorized pole saw and other associated equipment and hand tools
- Liaise with public/clients to address work site issues
- Identify hazards/potential hazards and protect self and others to work in a safe environment, including the proper use and maintenance of personal protective equipment
- Comply with all health, safety, and regulatory requirements and vegetation management standards
- Perform all necessary duties for emergency response in accordance with all safety requirements, laws and regulations and applicable labour agreements
- May be required to provide work direction and training to other staff and carry out duties that meet health and safety standards in a safe and responsible manner

REQUIRED SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Ability to work in rugged terrain and inclement weather
- Ability to drive and operate a 4x4 vehicle
- Ability to perform aerial rescue
- Ability to perform work completely, correctly, and in a professional manner
- Possess strong verbal communication skills and present ideas in formal and informal situations, such as tailboard safety talks
- Demonstrate reliability and dependability to perform work to meet expectations and standards

EXPERIENCE AND KEY QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience in all types of arboricultural work including pruning, removal, cabling, bracing, stumping, planting, and fertilizing
- Experience in the care and safe operation of chain saws, motorized pole saws, brush chippers, bucket trucks, stump grinders, and associated equipment and hand tools
- Experience climbing trees and using approved equipment and safety procedures when working at various heights, including work in the vicinity of energized conductors
- Familiarity and understanding of applicable legislation and industry standards, including but not limited to the Occupational Health and Safety Act (and associated regulations), the Highway Traffic Act, and the Arborist Safe Work Practices Guide, Electrical Safety Rule Book

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma
- Utility Arborist Certificate of Qualification 444B from the Ontario College of Trades; or ISA Certification for Arborist Utility Specialist
- Possess a valid driver's license (DZ preferred)
- Landscape Pesticide Applicators License
- Training in electrical safety awareness

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for the position of Utility Arborist with Eco Tree Care, please email your resume and a cover letter to John Madden, Owner of Eco Tree Care, at john@ecotreecare.ca.