

Arborist

(Union Position)

The City of Champaign seeks qualified candidates for a career opportunity as an **Arborist** in the Public Works Department.

Responsibilities of Position

This position is responsible for performing skilled work which will primarily include the day-to-day maintenance and care of City-owned trees and shrubs. The position will include pruning, planting, removal, pest control, fertilizing, watering, tree preservation, and operating equipment specific to the arboricultural field (i.e., Aerial Lift trucks, brush chippers, chainsaws, stump grinder, dump truck, end loaders, and climbing equipment such as a rope and saddle). Other responsibilities will include mechanical maintenance, general labor tasks, inventory, participating in the City's snow & ice removal efforts and responding to other emergencies and call-outs that may require working up to 16-hour shifts at all hours, with little to no advance notice.

The employee may have direct contact with residents and property owners and is expected to deliver excellent customer service.

Required Qualifications

- Associate degree with coursework in Forestry, Horticulture, Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation, or a closely related field.
- Work experience in the field of Arboriculture.
- Or an equivalent combination of work experience and education, such as substantial work experience or Arborist certification, that demonstrates the required knowledge, skills, and abilities may be considered.
- Valid state issued driver's license and acceptable driving record.
- A State of Illinois Class B CDL license with a tanker endorsement and without air brake restriction is required within a timeframe approved by the Forestry Supervisor.
- Ability to perform essential functions that require physical agility as noted in the job description, with or without accommodation.
- Ability to perform duties effectively in extreme temperatures and adverse weather conditions.
- Experience with computers, GIS, and handheld mobile devices.

Preferred Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Forestry, Horticulture, Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation, or a closely related field.
- Possession of or the ability to obtain within a timeframe approved by the Forestry Supervisor, ISA Certified Arborist designation.

Drug screening and ongoing random drug testing will be required. The starting salary is \$28.33 per hour plus an excellent fringe benefits package. **Applications must be submitted online no later than Sunday, November 27, 2022.**

The City's mission is to provide responsive, caring, cost-effective service in partnership with our community. The following values guide our work: Personal Integrity, Responsibility, Respect, Teamwork, Results. The City of Champaign is committed to promoting a work environment or community that values and supports diversity and inclusion.

To apply, visit the City's Jobs page champaignil.gov/jobs.



The City of Champaign is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Women, minorities and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. The following locations offer free Internet access and assistance: Champaign Public Library, the Illinois WorkNet Center and City of Champaign City Building.