

Arborist at Mount Auburn Cemetery

Organization:

Mount Auburn Cemetery comprises 175 acres and is situated in Watertown and Cambridge near Boston, Massachusetts. Founded in 1831, and now visited by over 200,000 people each year, Mount Auburn is a National Historic Landmark, recognized as the first “rural cemetery” and the inspiration for the American Parks Movement during the 19th century. As an active cemetery, Mount Auburn inspires all who visit, comforts the bereaved, and commemorates the dead in a landscape of exceptional beauty. As an accredited arboretum, Mount Auburn features 5,000 trees and more than 20,000 plants overall.

Role and Responsibilities:

Performs tree maintenance, including pruning, cabling, fertilizing, planting, spraying, injecting and tree removals. Climbs with rope and saddle and operates an aerial lift. Performs a variety of other arboricultural and horticultural tasks as needed, such as plant pest monitoring and shrub pruning.

- Perform all necessary tree pruning, removals, storm damage repairs, cabling, and other tree work.
- Operate aerial lift, climb with rope and saddle, handle chipper, chainsaw, and hydraulic sprayer, stump grinder and Bobcat in a safe and proper manner
- Perform I.P.M. and plant health care functions, including pest monitoring, spraying pesticides, tree injections, and all required record keeping
- Perform routine maintenance on arboriculture department equipment-such as brush chipper, spray rig, stump grinder, and chain saws including: sharpening chains, replacing blades, changing oil, replacing air filters and applying grease.
- Plant and transplant trees and shrubs. Guy and stake trees as needed.
- Aerial rescue another arborist in an emergency
- Uses hand pruners, handsaw, pole saw, pole pruner and a variety of small battery operated and gas-powered equipment.
- Trains other fulltime, seasonal and intern staff as necessary.
- Fertilize and treat trees or shrubs by various industry methods.
- . Assist with the general operation and organization of the Recycling Area.
- Assist with snow removal as necessary
- Responsible for correctly using an automated method (time badges) for the purpose of time and attendance recordkeeping. Employees are only authorized to use their own personal swipe badge.
- May be required to perform other duties as requested by the Director of Horticulture Operations to assist other Sections or Departments
- Follow all Cemetery safety policies and procedures related to assigned tasks, including wearing personal protective equipment (eye and hearing protecting, gloves, etc.), proper handling of chemicals, ladder safety, and lifting and moving heavy objects. Bring unsafe conditions to the attention of the Arboriculture Supervisor and make suggestions to improve safe working practices.

Qualifications and physical demands include but are not limited to:

- One to Two years of arborist experience
- Degree in Arboriculture or Horticulture preferred
- Ability to lift 80 lbs
- Ability to bend, walk, and/or stand for long periods of time
- Ability to work outdoors in all seasons including harsh weather conditions
- Massachusetts Certified Arborist or ISA Certified preferred
- Core Pesticide Applicator's License must be obtained within six months after date of hire.
- DOT medical card required.
- Driver's License Required. CDL Class B License must be obtained within one year after date of hire.
- Massachusetts Hoisting License 2A must be obtained within one year after date of hire.
- Core Pesticide Applicator's License must be obtained within six months after date of hire.
- Ability to speak fluent English required. Ability to speak Spanish is a plus

Hours of Work:

7:30 AM to 3:30 PM from Monday to Friday. Occasional evenings and weekends as required.

How to Apply:

Please send a cover letter stating your career goals and objectives with a current resume, as Microsoft Word documents, and include "Arborist" in the subject area, to:

jobs@mountauburn.org

Or by mail to: Human Resources
Mount Auburn Cemetery
580 Mount Auburn St.
Cambridge, MA 02138

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. No telephone calls please.