

Shadywood Tree Experts, Inc.

Job Description

Job Title: Equipment Operator

Reports To: Crew Leader/Supervisor

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

Summary: The Equipment Operator is responsible to operate and maintain equipment required for assigned jobs. This position will also be responsible for ensuring that proper safety guidelines are followed at all times and report any safety concerns immediately. The Equipment Operator will ensure that the safety of the work area and everyone around the work area is not at risk. This position will report to the General Foreperson and Manager for the area.

Duties and Responsibilities include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

- Inspects and reports necessary repairs to tools, truck, and other equipment
- Loads and unloads equipment onto trucks and trailers
- Services equipment to keep it in clean, neat, and specified mechanical condition
- Participates in daily job briefings and safety meetings
- Operates heavy equipment of various types to remove branches and tree material from job sites
- Operates and services equipment such as gasoline and hydraulic tools, power saws, power winches, mower decks, weed whackers, chippers, and sprayers
- Safeguards employees and the public from hazards in and around work areas
- Sets up barriers, warning signs, flags, and markers to protect employees and public
- Trains new personnel
- Works in all temperatures and will be exposed to nature, i.e. irritating plants and biting or stinging insects
- Keeps informed on new equipment, specifications, standard practices, operating procedures, and customer and company employee relations policies and practices
- Works near energized parts or equipment
- Starts each workday with an inspection of tires, controls, fuel, and fluids to ensure reliable operation
- Changes attachments, makes adjustments, verifies information and troubleshoots problems
- Operates equipment manually and through use of electronic or technical methods of operation
- Performs other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Must be able to wear and utilize PPE
- Must be able to safely operate equipment and/or safely drive a vehicle
- Must be able to operate all tools required on job site, or have the ability to learn to operate them
- Must be able to traverse uneven terrain
- Must be able to enter and exit equipment/vehicles numerous times a day
- Must be able to withstand exposure to elements throughout the year (heat, cold, rain, and other weather conditions)
- Must have good vision and be attentive
- Must be able to verbally communicate with other crew members and fully understand instructions and information
- Must have transportation to and from the startup location
- Must have a valid driver's license
- Must be able to meet all physical requirements of the position
- Legally authorized to work in the United States

Preferred:

- Two (2) years equipment operator experience
- Mechanical training
- DOT Compliance knowledge
- Currently has valid CDL

Qualifications:

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Language Ability:

Ability to read and interpret documents such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions, and procedure manuals. Ability to write routine reports and correspondence. Ability to speak effectively before groups of customers or employees of organization.

Math Ability:

Ability to add, subtract, multiply, and divide in all units of measure, using whole numbers, common fractions, and decimals. Ability to compute rate, ratio, and percent and to draw and interpret bar graphs.

Reasoning Ability:

Ability to apply common sense understanding to carry out instructions furnished in written, oral, or diagram form. Ability to deal with problems involving several concrete variables in standardized situations.

Education/Experience:

High school diploma or general education degree (GED); and equivalent combination of education and experience.

Certificates and Licenses:

- Valid driver's license

Equipment:

- Chain saws
- Rakes
- Leaf blower
- Chipper
- Swinger
- Miniskid

Knowledge, Skills and Other Abilities:

- Ability to be a team player
- Professionalism

Physical Demands:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to stand; walk; sit; use hands; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl; and talk or hear. The employee must regularly lift and/or move up to 75 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, ability to adjust focus, and ability to see color.

Work Environment:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly exposed to work near moving mechanical parts; fumes or airborne particles; outdoor weather conditions; insect stings and bites; and vibration. The employee is occasionally exposed to work in high, precarious places and risk of electrical shock.

The noise level in the work environment is usually very loud.