

UTILITY FOREST MANAGER

UTILITY ARBORICULTURE

JOB DESCRIPTION

The utility forest manager is a supervisory position in the utility arboriculture profession. Duties include the inspection and coordination of required line clearance work. Managers coordinate crew deployment, manage budgets, handle purchases, supervise personnel, and deal with customer service issues. Management requires dealing with the public, individual customers, and close coordination with utility and contract employees and crews.

TYPICAL BACKGROUND

Management positions typically are filled by experienced utility employees that may have a college degree in forestry and/or business management.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Strong management and leadership skills are absolutely necessary. Most utility forestry managers have a four-year degree in forestry or business management, although this is not an absolute requirement. Many have additional management training.

EDUCATION/TRAINING NEEDS

- General work site safety and hazard recognition
- Electric hazard awareness
- Electrical theory
- Proper utilization of herbicides and tree growth regulators
- Proper pruning and removal techniques and concepts
- Selection and use of appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Business management
- Communication skills
- Budget preparation and analysis
- Personnel management skills
- Leadership skills
- Compliance issue skills

EDUCATION TRAINING MATERIALS

- NAA Business Management Manual
- NAA Model Safety Program
- ANSI A300 Pruning
- ANSI Z133.1 Safety Standards
- Electrical Hazards Awareness Program
- NAA Pocket Guides:
Identifying Hazard Trees, Preventing Electrocutation
- Best Management Practice: Pruning
- FANDEX Tree Identification Guide
- OSHA 29CFR 1910.269.
- ACRT: *Line Clearance Tree Trimmer Certification Manual*
- ISA: *A Handbook of Hazard Tree Evaluation for Utility Arborists*
- Shigo: *Pruning Trees Near Electric Utility Lines*



CERTIFICATION/LICENSES

ISA Certified Arborist and advanced Utility Specialist Certifications are highly recommended

TYPICAL FUTURE CAREER PATHS

This career path can lead to advanced jobs at the respective company or a utility arborist position at an electric utility company.