

# ARBORIST

An Arborist is responsible for the well-being of trees. They implement planting, growing, maintaining, and the removal of trees. They can also be the point of contact for selling trees.

## WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Climb trees to trim and/or remove trees
- Collect data on the size, age, and health of trees
- Identify and determine health of tree species and prescribe needed care
- Identify detrimental insects or plant disease and eliminate them
- Operate a variety of mechanical equipment
- Prepare estimates for clients and potential customers
- If certified or under the supervision of a certified applicator will apply chemicals
- Successfully manage and protect forests in various stages of health



## WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

A bachelor's degree in arboriculture, urban forestry, environmental conservation, plant science, horticulture, biology or related field is required

## THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, biology, botany, ecology, earth science, and geography

## TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Greenhouses, nurseries, logging firms, landscaping companies, government agencies, residential communities, paper and packaging companies, or you may be self-employed

## FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



## SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- American Nursery and Landscape Association
- Tree Care Industry Association
- National Arbor Day Foundation

## AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$40,000