

CREW LEADER RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL TREE CARE

JOB DESCRIPTION

The duties of this position range from crew leader to district supervisor (in larger companies). Crew leaders are responsible for the safety, leadership, and productivity of the crew. District supervisors are responsible for maintaining safety, quality of workmanship, and good client relations.

TYPICAL BACKGROUND

Crew leaders and supervisors typically come up through the ranks of the tree crew. Many have formal education in arboriculture.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Strong communication, management, and leadership skills are essential. Many companies require ISA Arborist Certification. A CDL may be required.



EDUCATION/TRAINING NEEDS

- General work site safety and hazard recognition
- Work orders and plan preparation
- Job briefings
- Basic management training
- Communication skills
- Emergency procedures
- Electrical hazards training
- Chain saw use and safety
- Chipper use and safety
- Proper equipment use and maintenance
- Pruning principles and techniques
- Cabling and bracing (and lightning protection)
- Tree identification proficiency
- Tree biology
- Diagnostic training

EDUCATION TRAINING MATERIALS

- NAA: *Foreman Training Program*
- NAA: *Home Study Program*
- ISA: *Evaluation of Hazard Trees in Urban Areas*
- ISA: *Arborists' Certification Study Guide*
- ISA ArborMaster Video Series and Workbook: *Chain Saw Use and Safety*
- NAA Video: *Back Injury Prevention*
- ISA ArborMaster Video Series and Book: *The Art and Science of Practical Rigging*
- ANSI Z133.1 Safety Standards
- ANSI A300 Pruning
- ANSI A300 Cabling and Bracing
- NAA Video set: *Rigging for Removal*
- NAA Tailgate Safety Program
- Electrical Hazards Awareness Program
- Best Management Practice: Pruning
- Best Management Practice: Tree Support Systems
- ISA: *Plant Health Care for Woody Ornamental*

CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES

Commercial Drivers License(CDL) may be required
ISA Arborist Certification recommended

TYPICAL FUTURE CAREER PATHS

Tree Care Salesperson, Safety Coordinator, Trainer