

Arborist



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High School Courses

- Forestry
- Plant Science
- Ecology
- Biology, Botany
- Agriculture Education



Education/Training

- Wisconsin Registered Apprenticeship – 3 years
- Or 2-year or 4-year degree in forestry, urban forestry, environmental conservation, or related field



Responsibilities

- Prune trees, shrubs, vines and other plants
- Install tree support systems such as brace and cabling
- Fertilize trees
- Perform risk assessments on trees
- Remove dead and/or dangerous trees
- Assess soil quality for trees
- Inspect and maintain safety equipment
- Inventory and map trees and shrubs
- Plant and transplant trees



Skills

- Communicate effectively
- Operate complex equipment
- Problem solve
- Identify trees and common diseases/invasive species
- Assess tree health and structure



Abilities/Personality

- Physically strong with good balance
- Not afraid of heights
- Dependable
- Quick learner



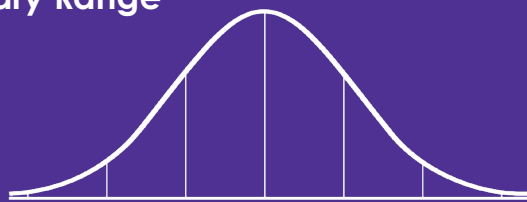
Work Environment

Arborists spend much of their day outside, often aloft on lifts and cranes to properly remove trees. They work year-round in all types of weather.

Job Description

Arborists assess, care for, and remove trees, shrubs, and other plants in urban forests. They are best known for their ability to remove trees with the use of directional felling and dismantle trees using rigging to reduce damage property. Arborists' other tasks include providing proposals to customers, applying pesticides, testing soil, and planting trees.

Salary Range



\$35,000
Low end

\$57,000
Median

\$80,000
High end

