

# Arborist

Arborists are experts at assessing, caring for, and removing 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/or cables, so they don't damage property. Arborists provide quotes to customers, apply pesticides, test soil, and plant trees among other things.



## Abilities / Personality:

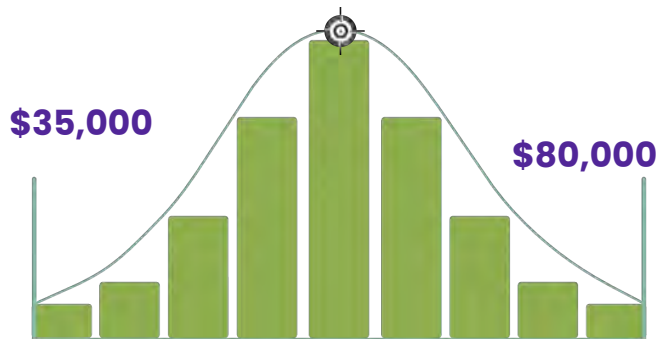
- Physically strong with good balance
- Not afraid of heights
  - Dependable
  - Quick learner

## High School Courses to take

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

## Salary

\$20 - \$35 per hour



## Education / Training

- WI Registered Apprenticeship – 3yrs
- OR; 2 or 4 Year Degree in Forestry, Urban Forestry, Environmental Conservation, or Related Field

## Outlook (2026)

**+8%** Future Job Market: Good

## Work Environment

Arborists spend much of their day outside, often up on lifts and cranes to properly remove trees. They work in all types of weather and tend to be busiest during the spring and summer months.

## Skills

- Communicate effectively
- Operate complex equipment
- Problem Solve
- Identify Trees and common diseases / invasive species
- Assess Tree Health and Structure

## Responsibilities

- Trim trees, shrubs, vines and other plants
- Brace and fertilize trees
- Perform risk/hazard assessments on trees
- Remove dead and/or dangerous trees
- Assess soil quality for trees
- Inspect and maintain safety equipment
- Inventory and map tree/shrub locations
- Plant and transplant trees

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