



TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN JOB POSTING

Arborist Equipment Operator Highway Department

The Town of South Kingstown's Highway Department has an immediate need for an experienced Arborist Equipment Operator. The position requires a person with considerable knowledge of raising, maintaining, and removing trees, and experience in the operation of an arborist bucket truck, wood chipper, stump grinder, dump trucks, and other heavy and light equipment. The work requires skillful, safe, and efficient operation of heavy equipment while performing a significant variety of tasks. The position is required to work at high elevations, perform tree cutting, trimming, and shaping trees, in addition to stump grinding and performing related tasks. This position requires the employee to perform manual labor for extended periods, under unfavorable weather conditions when necessary. The employee in this position must also be able to fertilize, treat, climb, spray and water trees, operate roadside flail mower tractors, and must be familiar with proper tree removal rigging. Please note this position is considered essential and includes storm operations responsibilities, including 24/7 on call status for sanding/salting/snow plowing events as well as other weather-related emergencies, and requires the ability to drive and operate equipment during winter storm events and unfavorable condition, often for lengthy durations.

This position requires a high school diploma or equivalent, and successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check. This position requires a valid RI Arborist License and a RI Driver's License with a CDL Class B at time of hire. This position also requires a valid RI Department of Labor Hoisting Engineer's License to operate heavy equipment, and all necessary licenses, certificates, ratings and endorsements, or the ability to obtain same within six (6) months of hire.

This 40 hour per week position affiliated with Council 94 starts at \$21.76 per hour, and upon successful completion of the six-month probationary period, increases to \$22.30 per hour and includes a full range of benefits. To apply, please submit your application to: jobs@southkingstownri.com or by mail to Personnel, Town Hall, 180 High Street, Wakefield, RI 02879. Applications are available for download on our website www.southkingstownri.com, and hard copies are available at Town Hall. Application materials must be received by Thursday, February 6th, 2020.

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