

## WHAT DOES AN ARBORIST DO?

Arborists use several techniques to maintain and care for trees and shrubs of all sizes and ages.

**Pruning** improves tree health and reduces hazards. It requires the use of specialized climbing techniques or equipment, including chainsaws, handsaws and aerial lifts to gain access to taller trees.

**Plant health care (PHC)** treatments enhance the health and stability of trees, and include cabling and bracing for support, nutrition and fertilization applications, as well as monitoring for pests.

**Removal** is a last resort, and may require the use of specialized rigging techniques and equipment, such as cranes, to eliminate damage to nearby structures and dangers to people.

**Arborists work a variety of jobs including but not limited to:**

- o tree climber
- o equipment operator
- o crew leader
- o plant care technician
- o assessment and sales



IF YOU'RE  
THE  
ADVENTUROUS  
TYPE,  
THIS IS  
THE  
CAREER  
FOR  
YOU!

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This awesome photo was taken by Jaron Moss and shows climber Eric Middleton (IG: @thepocketarborist), a contract climber practicing his work skills on some amazing cliffs.

ADVENTURE  
BEGINS  
HERE



ARBORIST

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

<sup>2</sup> [www.environmentalscience.org/career/arborist](http://www.environmentalscience.org/career/arborist)



If you like:

- working with your hands
- spending time outdoors
- on-the-job training
- teamwork
- interacting with all types of people
- long-term growth and stability
- opportunities for advancement
- work-life balance
- portable skills you can take anywhere
- the idea of being the boss someday
- learning about the natural world



## STUDENTS

- exciting environment
- on-the-job training
- control your future



## CAREER CHANGERS

- unique “office” setting
- competitive pay and benefits
- jump right in!



## VETERANS

- transferrable skills
- demanding and rewarding
- discipline is valued



## ENTREPRENEURS

- family business
- flexibility to build your business your way

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career paths you  
can take on

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# THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!

## Job opportunities across the country!

- commercial tree care companies
- municipal and government agencies
- landscape companies
- parks and botanical gardens
- colleges and universities

Photo courtesy of Maria Tranguch (IG: @Mariat742)

## A Career with Good Starting Pay

Your skills are in demand and compensation is competitive.

## Industry Growth

Demand for arborists is growing at a rate of 6% between 2014 and 2024.<sup>1</sup> There are tons of opportunities for you to start your career right now!

## The Future of Tree Care

Cities and towns are planting more trees than ever before! Future “smart cities” will include more green spaces such as gardens and parks, for residents to enjoy, and for arborists to care for.<sup>2</sup>