



WOODLANDS

POSITIONS IN THE FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY



SILVICULTURALIST

OTHER JOB TITLES: brush cutter, crew worker, forestry worker, tree spacer, scarification equipment operator.

IF YOU WANT GOOD PAY, OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN ON THE JOB, A GREAT LIFESTYLE AND THE CHANCE TO WORK IN CANADA'S GREENEST WORKFORCE, THEN THE FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IS RIGHT FOR YOU.

Why green? The forests are a renewable natural resource and the Canadian forest products industry is known for its world-class environmental credentials, including having the most certified forests in the world, and cutting more than 70% of its greenhouse gas emissions since 1990.

The industry offers something for everyone. It's an industry with a reputation for investing in skills training and career growth, and no matter what part of the forest products industry you work in - on the mill floor as a mechanical engineer, or in the forest as a forestry technician - every job is part of the greenest industry in Canada.

Canadian forest product companies will need to hire 60,000, or more, **new workers by 2020** to meet demand and you could be one of them!

DESCRIPTION

Silviculturalists do a variety of jobs related to reforestation. They also help manage, improve and conserve forest lands. There are many different kinds of silviculturalists.

If you choose this career path, most of your work will be outdoors. You need to be fit enough to trek across rough, often steep, terrain. A typical day could see you working as part of team to fight forest fires. Or you could be tasked with marking timber to set up environmentally sustainable forest management harvesting operations. Road and trail construction is another key duty.

The job also offers a chance for advancement because you are exposed to so many different aspects of a forest company's operation.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Silviculturalists perform a wide range of technical functions.

On any given day at a mill, you might:

- assess sites, select seedlings and plant trees in reforestation areas
- operate power thinning saw to thin and space trees in reforestation areas
- operate chain saw to thin young forest stands
- control weeds and undergrowth in regenerating forest stands
- complete firefighting reports and maintain firefighting equipment
- dig trenches, cut trees, pump water on burning areas to fight forest fires
- operate and maintain heavy equipment like skidders or bulldozers

👍 THIS JOB IS RIGHT FOR YOU IF...

- you want to live an oversized life in one of Canada's beautiful forest communities
- a sense of community is important to you
- you like variety and learning new things
- you want to make a difference working in a green job
- you are a team player who gets along with other trades
- you want to work in work boots, not dress shoes
- you are physically fit
- you love the outdoors

\$ EARNING POTENTIAL



This is the high end of the Canadian average. In some areas, silviculturalists make up to \$36 per hour.

+ BENEFITS MAY INCLUDE

- Apprenticeships
- Career growth
- Daycare
- Dental and medical plans
- Employee assistance plans
- Pensions
- Ongoing training

🍏 EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Silviculturalists often require skills to be tailored on the job. You will also get specialized training at different points in your career as you move up the ladder. You can increase your job choices if you finish a one- to three-year college program for forestry technologists, renewable resource managers or forest rangers. Here is a complete list of Canadian Universities and Colleges: thegreenestworkforce.ca/education

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Dare to Compare. See how much time and money you would save by moving to a forest community. Visit thegreenestworkforce.ca/compare