

Internship with The Davey Tree Expert Company

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INTRODUCTION

Summer Internship at The Davey Tree Expert Company in North Royalton, Ohio. My job position was Landscape Trainee Intern from May 10, 2021, to August 10, 2021

Their Mission Statement:

We create and deliver sustainable solutions while exceeding the client's expectations.



1. Me on a storm repair crew taking a fallen tree off a log cabin in the woods
2. My coworker cutting away chunks of a large branch suspended in the air.
3. A wood chipper being used.



I had the opportunity to use an air spade around some trees to expose the roots to make a clean and healthy cut in order to preserve the tree's health.

Job Opportunity:

- Found out about Davey Tree through Ohio State career fair
- Had a 1 on 1 meeting to get background information on company
- Applied on their website and got an interview
- Accepted job offer officially in May after second interview in person

Clearing a path for the Dominion Energy gas lines



ON THE JOB

Did a variety of throughout the summer and it consisted of:

- Landscape tree and shrub installation
- Vegetation management
- Plant health care
- Work as a groundsman on a tree surgery crew
- Clear gas lines for Dominion Energy
- Air spade tree roots
- Operate equipment and vehicles
 - Chippers, stump grinders, etc.
- Participate in weekly safety meetings
- Customer interaction

ADVICE

Be prepared to do long and hard work every day and always give it your best or one may struggle. I was working 50+ hours per week outside and it did take a toll on my body, but it helped me get mentally strong. Also, never be afraid to ask someone for help or to see if you are doing the task correctly because it is better to do that then ending up ruining equipment or even worse, hurting yourself or others. Lastly, I would encourage you to keep an open mind when working on finding solutions with your coworkers.

A stump grinder being used.



Me up in a tree making clean cuts for dead branches or little saplings growing across the trunk of the tree to open the canopy of the tree for healthy growing.

REFLECTION

Overall, I did enjoy the opportunity, however, I do not believe that this job is what I would like to pursue in the future. It gave me a good idea on what I do not want to do so now I feel I have a better understanding on what direction in this field I would like to go. More towards the business side of helping the company become more sustainable rather than doing physical work outside all year round.

Was a great opportunity and I greatly appreciate all the experience I have gained!
Thank you,

