



Pruning activities involve climbing trees with the assistance of ropes and saddles or by use of a bucket truck. As required, hand or power saws are used to remove unwanted branches and limbs. Once removed, the debris is either reduced on-site using a chipping machine or is hauled to a yard or dump location.

Classification 0106 also applies to the removal of mature trees. Tree removal involves use of power saw to reduce the tree to its stump. A stump router is used to grind the stump flush to the ground. (If a contract calls only for the grinding of stumps- no tree removal- the operations are assignable to Classification 3724(1), "Millwright Work-N.O.C.")

Classification 0106 also applies to an employer engaged solely in the harvesting of Christmas trees. An employer, who, in addition to harvesting Christmas Trees, also plants or cultivates the trees, is assignable to Classification 0005, "Nurseries".

Operations at job sites where employees engage exclusively in the ground level trimming and maintenance of trees and shrubs shall be assigned to; Classification 0042, "Landscape Gardening".

#### **ANALOGOUS ASSIGNMENTS:**

Christmas tree Harvesting

#### **RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS:**

None

#### **CLASSIFICATION AND RATING COMMITTEE DECISIONS:**

05/13/86 Classification 0104, "Orchard Work-pruning" deleted.

03/12/68 Classification 0050, 0103, and 0106 amended to include yard employees.

02/08-09/66 Tree Trimming Service: Classification 8227, "Contractors Permanent Yard," Sustained.

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## **0042 Landscape Gardening**

Classification and Phraseology:

0042, "Landscape Gardening-all operations – including maintenance of gardens"

#### **FOOTNOTE:**

The excavating, transporting and transplanting of mature trees shall be classified as 7219(1), "Truck Firms".

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Classification 0042 contemplates all operations integral to the installation and maintenance of gardens of similar areas that are designed to aesthetically, architecturally, horticulturally or functionally improve the grounds within or surrounding a structure or a tract or a plot of land. The installation of landscaping systems requires a Class C-27 (Landscaping) contractor's license; the care and maintenance of landscaping does not require a contractor's license.

The installation of landscaping entails shaping and grading the ground with the use of equipment such as skip-loaders and power rakes. Weeds and rocks are removed and hauled away. If required, trenches are dug for sprinkler systems using small trenchers and shovels. PVC pipe is laid out and connected with fittings and glue. Sprinkler heads are installed, and the system is covered with dirt. Grass seed, sod or other ground covering is applied over the dirt. Fertilizer and water are applied. In addition, bushes, shrubs and trees may be planted. (The transporting and planting of mature trees are contemplated by Classification 7219). Ornamental items such as pools, fountains and rocks may also be installed.

As indicated above, Classification 0042 contemplates all operations that are preformed in connection with an employer's landscape installation contract. These operations may include the installation of sprinkler and lighting systems, the erection of ornamental fountains, and incidental carpentry, concrete and masonry work. Such operations, when preformed by specialty contractors, are contemplated by the appropriate construction classification. Classification 0042 also contemplates operations that are limited to the routine care and maintenance of residential or commercial landscaping. Such operations typically entail traveling to customers' locations on a routine basis to mow, water and fertilize lawns; trim trees, bushes and shrubs; clean patio areas; and remove plant debris and litter. Classification 0042 does not contemplate tree trimming activities that either requires the worker to climb the tree or to use a ladder of lift equipment. Such operations are contemplated by Classification 0106, "Tree Pruning, Repairing or Trimming".

#### **ANALOGOUS ASSIGNMENTS:**

Chemical Lawn Care  
Reforestation  
Weed Abatement

#### **RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS:**

Classification 0042, "Landscape Gardening"

#### **CLASSIFICATION AND RATING COMMITTEE DECISIONS:**

07/13-14/93 Chemical lawn care and maintenance continue to be assigned to Classification 0042.  
05/14/91 Application of pesticide and fertilizers to lawn and garden areas; Classification 0042 sustained.  
02/14/84 Landscaping gardening in connection with horse breeding and training; Classification 0038, "Stock Farms" sustained.  
08/09/83 Grass growing and landscaping in connection with stock farm operations: Classification 0038 sustained.  
06/14/83 Application of fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides and fungicides on lawns: Classification 0042 sustained.  
04/12/83 Application of fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides and fungicides on lawns: Classification 0042 sustained.  
07/13/76 Study of class procedure for gardeners: no changes recommended.  
05/15-16/75 Study of class procedure for gardeners: no changes recommended.  
07/07/70 Classification 0042 amended and an entry was added to the R and I sections of the Manual  
06/11/68 Study of firms spraying, exterminating or fumigation pests.  
03/12/68 Study of firms spraying, exterminating or fumigation pests.

#### **OTHER REFERENCES:**

Classification 0106(-), "Tree Pruning, Repairing or Trimming – N.O.C."