

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKER I

DEFINITION

Under direction of the Maintenance Supervisor, performs general and varied grounds maintenance and gardening work; performs other related tasks as assigned and/or required.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

- mows, edges, trims, and prunes landscaped areas, including trees; hoes, weeds and rakes lawns
- prepares and fertilizes soils, lawns, trees, shrubs, hedges, flowers and a variety of other plants
- sweeps and removes paper and other debris from walks and driveways
- waters landscaped areas by hand or by opening a sprinkler system
- may spray ground areas, buildings and their surrounding areas with insecticides, herbicides and/or other pesticides
- assists in moving and arranging bleachers, furniture and a variety of other equipment
- may assist in the preparation, lining and marking of athletic event areas
- may load a light truck with trimmings and trash; may drive the truck to a trash disposal area
- hauls sand, dirt, sawdust and other materials utilized in improving landscaped areas
- may assist in a variety of unskilled work involved in the erecting and repairing of fences and athletic field fixtures
- may assist in the installation, maintenance and repair of sprinkler and irrigation systems
- operates a variety of light grounds maintenance equipment, such as riding lawn mowers, edgers, lawn vacuums and sweepers

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of: Basic methods, materials, tools and terminology used in grounds maintenance and gardening work; safe working methods and procedures.

Ability to: Effectively use hand and power tools common to grounds maintenance work; perform heavy manual functions and activities; operate light grounds maintenance equipment; understand and follow oral and written directions; establish and maintain cooperative working relationships.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical requirements indicated below are examples of the physical aspects that this position classification must perform in carrying out essential job functions:

- will frequently exert 10 to 50 pounds of force to lift, carry, push, pull, or otherwise move objects
- will involve walking or standing for extended periods of time, will occasionally involve sitting, walking, kneeling, crouching, bending at the waist; will occasionally involve ascending and descending ladders, stairs, scaffolding and ramps
- must possess the ability to hear and perceive the nature of sound
- must possess visual acuity and depth perception
- must be able to provide oral information, both in person and over the telephone and other communication devices
- must possess the manual dexterity to operate hand tools and related equipment and to handle and work with various materials and objects
- may be occasionally exposed to hot, cold, wet, humid, or windy conditions caused by weather

Reasonable accommodation may be made to enable a person with a disability to perform the essential functions of the job.

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Experience: One year of paid experience in grounds maintenance or gardening work.

Education: Verification of a High School diploma, a GED certificate, or a higher degree.

License Requirement: Verification of the possession of a valid California Motor Vehicle Operator's License.

Condition of Employment: Insurability by the District's liability insurance carrier. Finalists scheduled for an interview must provide a current DMV printout (not more than 30 days old) prior to the interview.