

PARK MAINTENANCE WORKER I

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, performs routine and semi-skilled work in the maintenance, repair and care of parks, landscaped areas, related recreation grounds and amenities; operates light equipment and vehicles, assists with irrigation and landscape maintenance activities; performs other related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

This is the entry level classification in the Park Maintenance series. Incumbents perform routine grounds and facility maintenance duties and operate light equipment under general supervision. Assignments are typically standardized and performed in accordance with established procedures.

This classification is distinguished from Park Maintenance Worker II in that the latter performs more advanced and skilled maintenance duties, operates heavier and more specialized equipment, exercises greater independent judgment, and may provide technical lead direction to assigned staff.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

The following list of duties is intended only to describe the various types of work that may be performed and the level of technical complexity of the assignment(s) and is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of duties. The omission of a specific duty statement does not exclude it from the position if the work is consistent with the concept of the classification or is similar or closely related to another duty statement.

Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform these essential functions.

Essential Duties

1. Maintains parks, playgrounds, landscaped areas and related grounds and amenities, including swimming pools, baseball diamonds, sports fields, tennis courts, and basketball courts.
2. Operates light maintenance and grounds equipment, dump trucks, and other light equipment on a designated park area.
3. Mow, edge, trim, rake, weed, irrigate, seed, fertilize, aerate, and renovate turf and landscaped areas.
4. Plant, cultivate, prune, and maintain trees, shrubs, flowers and ground cover.
5. Assist in the installation, maintenance, and repair of irrigation systems including sprinkler heads, valves, and piping.
6. Apply herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers, and other landscape treatment materials in accordance with safety guidelines and department procedures.
7. Assists in the construction inspections and repair of park amenities, recreational areas, fencing, and related facilities.
8. Maintain routine records related to work performed, materials used, and equipment operation.
9. Follows safe work practices and identify and report unsafe conditions.

Other Duties:

10. May provide direction and training for subordinate employees.
11. May organize and perform small projects either by themselves or with a small crew,
12. Performs related duties as assigned

WORKING CONDITIONS

- Primarily outdoors, with regular exposure to varying weather conditions including heat, cold, rain, wind, and humidity.
- Occasional work indoors when performing janitorial duties in park buildings and facilities.
- Exposure to dust, pollen, fumes, noise, and potentially hazardous substances such as fertilizers, pesticides, and cleaning chemicals.
- Travel by City vehicle within City limits to City work sites, locations, and meetings to conduct work.

- Work is performed in public parks, landscaped areas, and recreational facilities which may include uneven terrain, slopes, confined spaces and heights associated with playground equipment or structures, tree work, or other related park maintenance

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

- Frequent standing, walking, bending, stooping, kneeling, reaching, and crouching.
- Regular lifting, carrying, pushing, or pulling of objects weighing up to 50 pounds; heavier lifting may be required with assistance or equipment.
- Operation of hand and power tools such as mowers, trimmers, blowers, and other landscaping/janitorial equipment.
- Repetitive hand and arm movements involved in digging, planting, pruning, and cleaning tasks.
- May require climbing ladders or working at low heights.
- Visual and manual dexterity to safely operate equipment and observe worksite conditions.
- Hearing and speaking to exchange information and distinguish audible warnings or signals in a noisy environment.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Education/Experience

Any combination equivalent to education and experience likely to provide the required knowledge and abilities. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Education: High school diploma, GED, or equivalent.

Experience: Two years of recent grounds maintenance, landscaping, park maintenance or a related field

Knowledge

Knowledge of basic methods, tools, materials, and equipment used in grounds and landscape maintenance; irrigation system components and basic repair methods; turf and plant care techniques; safe operation of light equipment and vehicles; safe handling and application of herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers; basic arithmetic; and occupational safety practices related to park maintenance work

Ability

Ability to perform routine and semi-skilled park and grounds maintenance work; operate light equipment and vehicles safely and effectively; perform physically demanding work in varying weather conditions; understand and follow written and verbal instructions; communicate effectively with coworkers and the public; maintain cooperative working relationships; perform basic recordkeeping; and work independently on assigned tasks.

Other Requirements

Possession of a valid California Driver's License and satisfactory driving record as a condition of initial and continued employment.

Willingness to work nights, holidays and weekends as needed.