

UTILITY WORKER II – PARKS

*Class specifications are intended to present a descriptive list of the range of duties performed by employees in the class. Specifications are **not** intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.*

JOB OBJECTIVES

To perform a variety of journey level duties in the maintenance, repair, construction or installation of parks, grounds, rights-of-way and landscaped areas; to operate maintenance and construction tools and equipment; and to perform a variety of maintenance tasks relative to assigned area of responsibility.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is the full journey level within the Utility Worker – Parks series. Employees within this class are distinguished from the Utility Worker I – Parks by the performance of the full range of duties as assigned. Employees at this level receive only occasional instruction or assistance as new or unusual situations arise, and are fully aware of the operating procedures and policies of the work unit.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives general supervision from higher level management or supervisory staff.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

The following tasks are typical for positions in this classification. Any single position may not perform all of these tasks and/or may perform similar related tasks not listed here:

1. Perform various journey level park maintenance functions; clean and maintain grounds, athletic fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, skate park, play grounds, paved areas, paths, walkways, and stairways; pick up and discard trash and litter.
2. Perform grounds maintenance chemical application duties; store, mix and spray herbicides, fungicides and pesticides; ensure proper application of all materials; ensure equipment is operating properly; perform all duties in compliance with City and mandated health and safety rules and regulations.
3. Perform journey level tree trimming for line clearance in compliance with OSHA safety rules and regulations.
4. Perform routine maintenance duties such as mowing and edging grass, operating a weedeater, blowing leaves on sidewalks and parking lots, removing and trimming shrubbery, and raking leaves.
5. Perform routine maintenance and repair activities for park facilities; clean restrooms and stock materials and supplies; perform minor building repairs including carpentry, painting, and plumbing repairs.
6. Perform a variety of technical tasks in the planting, maintaining, trimming and removal of City-owned trees; clear tree limbs from streets; as assigned, assist in utility line clearance according to applicable guidelines; perform ground services; ensure tasks are performed in accordance with recommended tree care programs.
7. Maintain, operate and repair irrigation systems; operate, program and install controllers; diagnose and troubleshoot problems, manually operate zones to check valves and heads; check existing lines; clean, repair or replace parts; lay pipes; connect to water supply.
8. Repair playground equipment, park benches, tables and monuments.

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9. Operate and maintain a variety of landscaping equipment including riding mowers, small tractors, rototillers, sprayers, edgers, blowers, hedge trimmers, weed eaters, chippers and related equipment.
10. Operate a variety of hand and small power tools and equipment such as push mowers, shovels, rakes, chainsaws, and various other equipment in support of parks maintenance and repair operations.
11. Perform various groundskeeping functions; mow, water, fertilize, and maintain turf and other landscaped areas; pull weeds; install irrigation; apply pesticides as necessary.
12. As assigned, perform heavy equipment operation duties in completing a variety of projects.
13. Provide courteous customer service; respond to questions and inquiries from the general public regarding various maintenance projects.
14. Perform related duties and responsibilities as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Operations, services and activities of a parks maintenance program.
Operational characteristics of parks maintenance equipment.
Methods and techniques of planting and caring for trees, shrubs and plants.
Methods and techniques of groundskeeping including mowing, fertilizing and application of chemicals.
Methods and techniques of applying herbicides and pesticides.
Basic carpentry, painting, and plumbing maintenance methods and techniques.
Basic mathematics.
Methods and techniques of installing and maintaining irrigation systems.
Operational characteristics and maintenance requirements of power-driven equipment.
Principles and practices of record keeping.
Occupational hazards and standard safety practices.
Pertinent federal, state and City laws, codes and regulations.

Ability to:

Perform journey level duties in support of a parks grounds and facilities maintenance program.
Plant, transplant and maintain trees, shrubs and plants.
Perform preventive maintenance on assigned equipment.
Recognize common plants, diseases and insects.
Operate a variety of maintenance equipment in a safe and effective manner.
Install and maintain irrigation systems.
Safely and accurately perform chemical application functions.
Ensure adherence to safe work practices and procedures.
Understand and follow oral and written instructions.
Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Education and Experience Guidelines

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

Education:

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Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade.

Experience:

Two years of increasingly responsible parks maintenance experience.

License or Certificate

Possession of an appropriate, valid commercial driver's license with proper endorsements.

Possession of an appropriate, pesticide applicator's license.

Possession of, an appropriate, Arborist certification.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORKING CONDITIONS

The physical demands herein are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform these essential job functions.

Environment: Field environment; travel from site to site; exposure to noise, dust, grease, smoke, fumes, gases, inclement weather conditions, potentially hazardous chemicals.

Mobility: Incumbents require sufficient mobility for heavy, moderate or light lifting; walking, standing or sitting for prolonged periods of time; operating motorized equipment and vehicles; performing heavy manual labor.

Vision: Visual acuity to operate vehicles and equipment.