

CITY OF REDWOOD CITY LANDSCAPE GARDENER

DEFINITION

To perform a variety of semi-skilled and skilled gardening and turf maintenance duties in the development, maintenance and repair of landscaped areas; and to operate a wide variety of landscape maintenance equipment.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives general supervision from the Park Supervisor and/or Lead Landscape Gardener. Technical or functional supervision may also be provided by higher level department personnel.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES - Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Perform a wide variety of general grounds and facility maintenance work including raking leaves, cleaning walkways, removing debris, cleaning restrooms, and related work.

Water, weed, prune, renovate, and fertilize shrubs, trees, flower beds, and landscaped areas.

Complete turf care including mowing, thatching, fertilizing, plugging, spraying, and installation of new turf areas with both seed and sod.

Prepare soil and plant flower beds, shrubs, trees and landscape areas, including staking, fertilizing and other necessary procedures.

Mix and apply various insecticides and herbicides.

Maintain and prepare athletic fields.

Assist in the maintenance and installation of irrigation systems, set clocks, and perform minor repairs.

Recognize plant pests and diseases.

Drive vehicles used to transport materials, tools, and equipment as required.

Respond to inquiries from the general public.

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Utilize a wide variety of hand and power tools and landscape maintenance equipment including a rotary gang mower tractor, rider mowers, tractors, trencher, sprayer, brush chipper and chainsaws.

Move and install park and recreation equipment.

Perform routine preventive maintenance on mowing equipment and hand and power tools used in the work.

Perform related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Basic methods, tools, materials, and equipment used in grounds maintenance work.

Identification of common landscape plants.

Safe work practices.

Basic landscape construction and repair methods.

Plant and turf pests and diseases; and methods for their control and eradication.

Proper and effective use of landscape maintenance tools, equipment and materials.

Ability to:

Perform park and landscaped area maintenance in the planting and cultivating of lawns, flowers, plants, shrubs, and trees.

Mix and apply herbicides and pesticides.

Understand and carry out both oral and written directions.

Work independently.

Establish and maintain effective work relationships with those contacted in the performance of required duties.

Physical Characteristics:

Must be able to perform heavy manual labor and work outside in varying climatic conditions.

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Experience and Education:

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

Experience:

One year of experience performing a variety of landscape maintenance work.

Education:

Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade supplemented by technical courses in horticulture or related field.

License or Certificates:

Possession of, or ability to obtain, an appropriate, valid California Driver's License.

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Bargaining Group: Service Employees' International Union - Local 715