

Turf Maintenance Technician

FLSA Status: Covered
Bargaining Unit: Portland City Laborers 483 (PCL)

General Summary

Positions in this broad class mow, care for and maintain turf and perform a variety of related duties including fertilizing, turf renovation, aeration, top dressing, assessing turf problems, and maintaining related equipment.

Turf Maintenance Technician - 30000080

Distinguishing Characteristics

The journey level of this class typically operates mowers, applies fertilizers and herbicides, performs turf renovation, and operates and maintains a variety of equipment. It is distinguished from the Utility Worker class by its specialized focus on precision mowing and turf care in landscaped settings, as distinguished from general mowing in diverse terrain, often with traffic exposures.

Typical Duties/Examples of Work

1. Operates a variety of commercial mowing equipment and related turf equipment such as spreaders, lawn rollers, tractors and attachments in caring for turf on a variety of terrain; drives equipment from site to site.
2. Maintains mowing equipment to conform to warranty and manufacturer specifications.
3. Renovates turf at athletic fields and high-use areas.
4. Fertilizes turf and develops fertility programs for turf.
5. Identifies turf diseases and applies herbicides; calibrates application equipment.
6. Operates equipment for large-scale leaf removal.
7. Performs winter overhaul and maintenance on equipment.
8. Performs a variety of turf care-related activities, such as digging and shoring irrigation trenches for repair, and cleaning roof gutters of debris.
9. Identifies safety issues and problems in parks.

10. Performs related duties as assigned.

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Knowledge of: turf maintenance techniques, including mowing; equipment maintenance techniques; landscape maintenance; irrigation systems; safe fertilizer and herbicide application techniques

Ability to: communicate effectively; establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers and a diversity of others; work constructively in a team; oversee and direct the work of temporary or seasonal workers

Skill in: safe and effective application and operation of tools and equipment of turf maintenance; safe and effective fertilizer and herbicide application

Special Requirements

Valid driver's license; pesticide applicator license within six months following appointment.

Classification History:

Adopted: 2-03-99: Class created as a result of DCTU Classification and Compensation Study

1998-99. This class is composed of the following classes:

1237 Mower Operator Adopted 01-20-81

Revised: 9-13-04: clarification to pesticide applicator licensure requirement
June 2009 - Change Job Class number from 1214 to 30000080, due to system change.

Revised: 7-1-17 Union changed from DCTU to PCL

Working Conditions

Work in this class is typically performed in a field environment. Incumbent is typically required to negotiate rough terrain; to lift up to 100 pounds; to work outdoors in all weather conditions; to be exposed to hazardous materials; to operate power tools and equipment; to climb ladders and work in trenches; to drive equipment from site to site in traffic on City streets.