

Parks Technician

FLSA Status: Covered
Bargaining Unit: District Council of Trade Unions (DCTU)

General Summary

Positions in this broad class care for and maintain park and recreational grounds and facilities.

Parks Technician - 30000081

Distinguishing Characteristics

The journey level of this class typically performs all class duties. It is distinguished from the Horticulturist class by performing general maintenance duties and by not performing specialized horticultural activities such as species selection, planting design and/or plant propagation.

Typical Duties/Examples of Work

1. Ensures safety, cleanliness, and operability of park grounds and facilities.
2. Performs the full range of grounds maintenance; mows, rakes, edges and trims lawns, greens; ground trims trees; operates power movers, edgers, and other small grounds maintenance equipment; waters and weeds lawns, shrubs, and flower beds; assists in gardening work
3. Mixes chemicals and fertilizers according to predetermined formula and operates hand sprayers to apply chemicals and fertilizers to grass for the control of weeds and grass diseases.
4. Cleans, paints, and performs minor repairs on facilities, equipment and appurtenances; requests work orders for larger repairs.
5. Installs irrigation lines and makes repairs and adjustments as necessary.
6. Ensures overall safety for park users by inspecting grounds and equipment, removing or mitigating hazards, and requesting assistance as necessary.
7. As assigned, directs work of crews or work groups; responsible for worker or volunteer safety, review of work, training and guidance in duties.
8. Performs related duties as assigned.

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Knowledge of: parks maintenance techniques including cultivating, pruning, and care of lawns, flowers, shrubs, and plants; minor repair of equipment and appurtenances; routine cleaning and maintenance of buildings and grounds; irrigation systems; safe pesticide application techniques

Ability to: communicate effectively, understanding and executing oral and written instructions; work effectively with co-workers in a diverse workforce, and respond appropriately to question/concerns from other employees and the public; work constructively in a team; oversee and direct the work of volunteers, semi-skilled, temporary or seasonal workers; work out-of-doors for extended periods under unfavorable weather conditions

Skill in: safe and effective application and operation of tools and equipment of landscaping and maintenance; pesticide application

Special Requirements

Valid state driver’s license; pesticide applicator license within six months of hire

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:

1215 Park Attendant Adopted 01-20-76

Revised: 12-05-07 changed pesticide applicator license to within six months of hire

Revised: 2-19-08 updated lifting requirements in working conditions

June 2009 - Change Job Class number from 1215 to 30000081, due to system change.

Parks Technician, Lead - 30000082

Distinguishing Characteristics

The lead level of this class typically performs all class duties and in addition serves as a lead worker. It is distinguished from the Parks Technician class by the lead assignment. Note: This is a premium pay class for assignment of lead duties. Employees do not accrue seniority or obtain status in this class. Employee is assigned from a base class.

Typical Duties/Examples of Work

1. Plans, schedules and coordinates work; determines resource needs of work group; directs work of a crew or work group.
2. Reviews the work of and provides training and guidance to assigned staff.
3. Performs related duties as assigned.

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Knowledge of: effective principles and practices of leadership

Ability to: schedule and assign the work of others

Skill in: providing training to others; providing lead direction to staff, including assigning and reviewing work

Special Requirements

Valid state driver's license; pesticide applicator license within six months of hire

Classification History:

Adopted: 2-03-99:

Class created as a result of DCTU Classification and Compensation Study 1998-99.

Revised: 12-5-07 changed pesticide applicator license to within six months of hire.

Revised: 2-19-08 updated lifting requirements in working conditions

June 2009 - Change Job Class number from 1216 to 30000082, due to system change.

Working Conditions

Work in this class is typically performed in a field environment. Incumbent is required to lift up to 75 pounds; to work outdoors in all weather conditions; to be exposed to hazardous materials; to operate power tools and equipment