

Senior Water Utility Worker

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

General Summary

Positions in this broad class provide direction to work crews in performing a variety of manual labor and semi-skilled tasks in maintaining grounds, fences and irrigation systems around water system structures and facilities. Work crews can consist of Utility Workers, Equipment Operators, and workers referred by government sponsored work programs such as the Portland Industry Council and County Payback Programs.

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Distinguishing Characteristics

This is a single level class. It is distinguished from the Utility Worker and Equipment Operator classes by its direction of work crews made up of Utility Workers, Equipment Operators and workers referred by the Portland Industry Council and County Payback Programs; and expertise in grounds maintenance, installing and repairing irrigation systems and security fencing

Typical Duties/Examples of Work

1. Directs, plans, schedules and coordinates the work of crews installing and maintaining irrigation and security fencing, trimming and removing diseased and damaged trees, and maintaining grounds around water system structures and facilities, and in the right-of-way.
2. Determines resource needs of assigned crews and obtain materials, supplies and equipment; provides instruction on proper equipment and material use, applicable work standards, procedures and safe work methods; reviews the work of crew; resolves work quality or personality conflicts of work crews; refers problem issues to supervisor.
3. Interprets work orders; lays out job sites for crews.
4. Inspects and prioritizes maintenance and repair needs for grounds maintenance, irrigation systems and fencing; directs, plans and schedules installation, maintenance, and repair as appropriate.
5. Prepares work reports and maintains a variety of records.

- 6. Operates and maintains equipment, including specialized equipment to deliver landscaping materials and cranes to retrieve broken down equipment or debris.
- 7. Performs related duties as assigned.

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Knowledge of: tools, materials, processes, standards and techniques of grounds maintenance and the installation and repair of irrigation systems and security fencing; troubleshooting techniques; effective principles and practices of leadership.

Ability to: learn and use safe working practices. Maintain records; maintain supplies and equipment; interpret and apply diagrams and standards related to work orders and irrigation systems; communicate effectively; work effectively with co-workers in a diverse workforce, and respond appropriately to questions/concerns from other employees and the public; schedule and assign work of others.

Skill in: directing the maintenance of grounds and the installation and repair of irrigation systems and security fences; demonstrating techniques to others; providing training to others; providing lead direction to staff and workers referred from social service programs, including assigning and reviewing work.

Special Requirements

Valid state driver’s license. Some positions may require additional endorsements, certifications and licenses.

Classification History:

Adopted: 2-03-99:

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

Revised: 12-20-05 (Deleted CDL requirement)

June 2009 - Change Job Class number from 1212 to 30000078, due to system change.

Working Conditions

Work in this class is typically performed in a field environment. Incumbent is typically required to lift up to 100 pounds; to work outdoors in all weather conditions; to wear protective gear; to work with hazardous materials and power equipment; to be exposed to hazardous conditions, including traffic; subject to call back for emergencies.