GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs complex (journey-level) grounds and building maintenance work. Work involves caring for and maintaining the appearance of grounds and gardens and maintaining and repairing groundskeeping tools, supplies, and equipment. May provide guidance to others. Works under general supervision, with limited latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Mows and trims grass; and trims, fertilizes, waters, removes, and plants trees and shrubs.

Removes dirt, rubbish, and refuse from grounds.

Repairs and performs preventive maintenance work on fountains, planters, parking lots, driveways, roads, fences, and sidewalks.

Mixes, sprays, or spreads fertilizers, herbicides, insecticides, or fungicides onto grass, shrubs, and trees, using hand or automatic sprayers or spreaders.

Performs landscaping work.

Operates powered equipment such as mowers, tractors, chain saws, electric clippers, sod cutters, and pruning shears.

Services, repairs, and performs preventive maintenance on groundskeeping equipment.

Drives trucks and hauls materials, supplies, and dirt.

Assists in installing, maintaining, and repairing sprinkler systems.

May provide guidance to others.

Performs related work as assigned.

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Experience in groundskeeping work. Graduation from a standard senior high school or equivalent is generally preferred. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.
KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of the planting and care of trees, shrubbery, flowers, and grass; of pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides; and of hand and power tools and equipment.

Skill in the use of groundskeeping hand tools and equipment, in the operation of motorized and gas-powered equipment, and in the maintenance and repair of sidewalks and parking lots.

Ability to maintain and care for hand and power tools and equipment, and to detect diseases in plants and grasses.

REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE

May require a valid driver's license.