



LANDSCAPE TECHNICIAN

CLASS SUMMARY: Performs skilled and semi-skilled interior and exterior landscape, gardening and grounds keeping work at assigned county facilities

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS: Employees perform the most difficult and responsible types of duties assigned, including maintaining building and property landscape, tending to indoor plants, and maintaining irrigation systems. Employees at this level are required to be fully trained in all procedures related to assigned area of responsibility.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Receives direction from the Building Facilities Manager and/or Building Maintenance Supervisor. May exercise technical and functional supervision over other Facilities personnel.

TYPICAL CLASS ESSENTIAL DUTIES: (These duties are a representative sample; position assignments may vary.)

1. Maintains lawns and grass areas using accepted practices in mowing, watering, fertilizing and weeding, including hauling and spreading materials.
2. Maintains, repairs, replaces, and installs irrigation systems used for landscape watering.
3. Keeps indoor plants healthy using accepted practices in watering, pruning, fertilizing, and replacing if necessary. Performs and schedules regular plant maintenance to ensure plant health.
4. Maintains trees using accepted practices in pruning, watering and fertilizing. Gathers and disposes of leaves.
5. Keeps sidewalks and outside public areas clean and safe by power washing, removing trash, weeding, repairing barriers and fences, graffiti removal and addressing all safety issues that may arise.
6. Assists in maintaining county parking garages and lots for weed abatement, landscape, and safety issues.
7. Uses and maintains power gardening and landscape tools such as leaf blower, power washer, gas powered lawn mower (push and riding), hedge trimmer, and chain saw.
8. Uses all types of hand tools such as hammer, screwdriver, wire cutter, pliers, pruning shears, etc.

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9.	Removes snow/ice from public walkways, stairs and traveled paths.
10.	May co-ordinate activities with concessionaires, volunteer groups, sub-contractors and special interest groups.
11.	Maintains adequate inventory of supplies and equipment required for ongoing activities and special projects.
12.	Assists in landscape planning; maintains planting area, tills soil and mixes in soil amendments; plants, transplants, mulches, prunes, and fertilizes flowers, shrubs and trees; recommends species, selects and purchases plant materials for landscaping areas.
13.	Performs other related duties as assigned.

Knowledge of (position requirements at entry):

- Methods and materials used in landscape design and maintenance.
- Horticulture and landscape maintenance practices and procedures including indoor plants.
- Basic safety practices and procedures.
- Equipment maintenance.

Skills in (position requirements at entry):

- Install and repair watering systems.
- Operate complex equipment used in landscape operations.
- Read and understand plans and specifications.
- Perform strenuous physical labor in all kinds of weather.
- Understand and follow written and oral instructions.
- Identify, schedule and complete own workload.
- Establish and maintain effective relationships with the public and other County employees.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Training and Experience (positions in this class typically require):

Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade. Two years' experience in the performance of landscape, and/or ground maintenance, including landscape design, construction and program coordination. An equivalent combination of experience and training that will demonstrate the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying.

Licensing Requirements (positions in this class may require):

Valid Oregon Driver's license.

NOTE:

This position is represented by AFSCME Local 2831.

Classification History:

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt