GROUNDSKEEPER/SPRINKLER REPAIRER

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, to perform routine gardening and varied grounds maintenance on school grounds and athletic fields; install, check, set, repair and maintain sprinkler systems and controls; and to do related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Plant lawns, trees, shrubs and flowers; prune trees, trim and prune shrubbery and hedges; rake, fertilize and spray insecticides on lawns and landscaped areas; hoe weeds; water various grounds areas; operate power and manual mowers, saws, edgers, sweepers, mowing and dump trucks; assist in preparing and marking athletic fields; haul dirt; level and prepare fields; repair drainage damage; prepare athletic pits; assist in repair of walks; pick up and remove trash; assist in cleaning, moving, arranging and setting up furniture and equipment; install, modify and replace lawn sprinkler systems, using plastic or galvanized pipe; thread and assemble galvanized pipe or cement plastic pipe; maintain and repair remote manual valves; adjust and repair sprinkler heads; dig trenches for sprinkler system installations; maintain and clean all tools and other equipment.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of

Methods, materials and tools used in planting, cultivating and caring of lawns, flowers, shrubs, trees, plants, maintenance and repair of a variety of automatic sprinkler systems, including time control, valves, piping and sprinkler heads; sizes and specifications of pipes and fittings; safety related to method, practice and equipment.

Ability to

Operate motorized equipment; use gardening hand tools; after appropriate training safely use machines, equipment, and tools related to job duties; lift and carry bulk gardening supplies, sports equipment and furniture; perform manual labor to maintain grounds, lawns, gardens and fields; repair sprinkler systems; maintain work schedule; understand and carry out oral and written instructions; establish and maintain cooperative working relationships.

Experience

Two years of grounds maintenance or gardening work which has included experience in installing or repairing sprinkler systems.

Education

Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade.

Physical Performance Requirements

Frequent lifting and maneuvering of up to 50 to 60 pounds with occasional lifting and maneuvering of up to 100 pounds with or without assistance. Frequent standing or walking much of the time with some twisting, bending, stooping and squatting also required. May work on irregular surfaces or at heights above the ground.

Licenses

Possession of a valid and appropriate California Driver's License, if required.

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