

CITY OF REDWOOD CITY

LANDSCAPE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

DEFINITION

To transport and operate a wide range of heavy landscape equipment; to perform a variety of semi-skilled and skilled gardening and turf maintenance duties in the development, maintenance and repair of landscaped areas; to provide driver's training to other City employees.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is an advanced journey-level class in the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. This position is characterized by the requirement to skillfully and safely transport and operate heavy landscape equipment a predominant portion of the time and to provide Commercial Driver's Training as required by various departments.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

General supervision is provided by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Manager.

Exercises no direct supervision of other employees.

Assignments may require technical supervision of lower level personnel.

EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES

1. Operate and transport heavy equipment including truck and trailer combination, water truck, back hoe, gang mower, bobcat, trencher, skiploader with bucket and crane truck for a variety of landscape maintenance and repair operations.
2. May direct the work of employees operating equipment on a training basis.
3. Identify equipment needs for each assigned project.
4. Assist in the maintenance of large turf areas within the City including mowing, thatching, plugging, and installing new turf areas as required.
5. Perform watering of non-irrigated landscaped areas.
6. Provide Commercial Driver's training to employees of various departments as required.

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7. Respond to inquiries from the general public.

OTHER JOB RELATED DUTIES

1. Perform a wide variety of general landscape duties including water, weed, prune, renovate and fertilize shrubs, trees, flower beds and landscape areas as required.
2. Assist in the maintenance and installation of irrigation systems; set clocks; perform repairs.
3. Perform a wide variety of general grounds and facility maintenance work as required including raking leaves, cleaning walkways, removing debris.
4. Assist with mixing and applying insecticides, herbicides and related work.
5. Perform routine preventive maintenance on mowing equipment and hand and power tools used in the work.
6. Perform related duties and responsibilities as required.

JOB RELATED QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Operating characteristics of heavy equipment including back hoe, gang mower, trencher, skip loader and bob cat.

Traffic laws, ordinances and rules applicable to truck and heavy equipment operation.

Training and education techniques.

Basic methods, tools, materials and equipment used in landscape maintenance work.

Safe work practices.

Basic landscape construction and repair methods.

General knowledge of plants and turf, their pests and diseases and methods for control.

Proper and effective use of landscape maintenance tools, equipment and materials.

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Ability to:

Perform park and landscaped area maintenance including planting and cultivating of lawns, flowers, plants, shrubs and trees.

Assist in mixing and applying herbicides and pesticides.

Understand and carry out both oral and written directions.

Work independently in the absence of supervision.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Assist in the training and supervision of others and in the safe operation of equipment.

Establish and maintain effective work relationships with those contacted in the performance of required duties.

Skill to:

Safely operate a variety of types of vehicles and heavy equipment.

Use and operate hand tools, mechanical equipment and power tools and equipment required for the work in a safe and efficient manner.

Train employees in required safe driving techniques, equipment operation, and Class A criteria and standards.

Experience and Training Guidelines:

Any combination of experience and training that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Experience:

Two to three years experience in the operation of heavy landscaping equipment and general landscape maintenance work.

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Training:

Equivalent to completion of twelfth grade.

License or Certificate:

Possession of a valid Class A driver's license with combination, truck & trailer, and tanker endorsements. Possession of a valid Department of Motor Vehicles' medical examiner certificate.

Special Requirements:

Essential duties require the following physical abilities and work environment:

Ability to sit, stand, walk, kneel, crouch squat, stoop, reach, twist, climb, and lift 50 lbs.; exposure to cold, heat, noise, outdoors, confining work space, electrical hazards, chemicals, dust, and mechanical hazards.

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**ADA
DOCUMENTATION OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES**

1. SWE
2. OAE
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4. SWE
5. SWE
6. OAE
7. OAE

**DOCUMENTATION SCALES AND CODES
FOR ESSENTIAL DUTIES**

Time Spent:

S	Significant	10% of day, week, or month
M	Moderate	5-9%
O	Occasional	Less than 5%

Frequency:

D	Daily
W	Weekly
M	Monthly
A	As needed

Supervisor/Manager Review:

E	Major focus of job/position
NE	Minor (can easily be assigned to another position)

Effective Date: May, 1997

Bargaining Group: Service Employees' International Union - Local 715