

PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKER II

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, to perform a variety of semi-skilled, skilled, and physical labor duties in the maintenance, repair, construction, clean-up, and beautification of City parks and recreational facilities; to perform a variety of tree maintenance, grounds maintenance, and gardening duties in and around recreational facilities; and to do related work as required. Serves as Disaster Service Worker. FLSA Status: Non-exempt. Bargaining Group: Miscellaneous Unit.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is the experienced, journey level classification in the Parks Maintenance Worker class series. The Parks Maintenance Worker II level is distinguished from Parks Maintenance Worker I by performing a broader range of semi-skilled and skilled maintenance assignments and the more complex gardening and grounds maintenance activities on a more independent basis. Incumbents in this class are subject to twenty-four hour "call out" and standby.

REPORTS TO

Streets and Parks Division Supervisor/Manager, Parks Maintenance Worker III, or as assigned.

CLASSIFICATIONS SUPERVISED

This is not a supervisory position.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Duties may include, but are not limited to:

- Reliable and dependable attendance and punctuality.
- Cares for City parks and recreational facilities.
- Performs duties such as mowing, watering, and shaping lawns and shrubs.
- Plants, waters, cultivates, weeds, prunes, and fertilizes trees, shrubbery, flowers, and lawns.
- Loads, rakes, and shovels grass clippings.
- Sweeps and rakes grounds; performs brush chipping.
- Grinds and removes tree stumps as necessary.
- Utilizes appropriate pest control methods to eradicate weeds and other pests according to established procedures.
- Mixes fertilizers, herbicides, and soil nutrients.
- May apply herbicides.
- May cut weeds, clear debris, and clean ditches.
- Maintains park trees and landscaped areas within recreational facilities.
- Maintains special recreational areas such as ballfield diamonds and tennis courts.
- Empties trash receptacles.
- May set up recreational facilities for events.

- Maintains and repairs playground equipment.
- Installs, maintains, and repairs sprinkler systems.
- Does general clean-up work.
- Uses general hand tools.
- Operates power tools such as chain saws and welding equipment.
- Operates equipment such as trucks, backhoe, ballfield equipment, and front loaders.
- May use a shovel to open, widen, and backfill excavations.
- Performs routine maintenance and repair duties on equipment.
- Performs preventive maintenance on equipment.
- Performs miscellaneous minor repair and maintenance on automotive equipment and small engines.
- May perform building maintenance activities on City buildings, parks, and recreational facilities.
- Communicates with the public.
- May be assigned to assist with other departments or divisions for maintenance and repairs as needed.
- May be required to attend night or weekend events.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Knowledge of:

- Safe driving practices and the California Vehicle Code relating to the operation of motor vehicles.
- Work safety practices.
- Methods, procedures, and equipment used in the care and maintenance of parks, grounds, and recreational facilities with an emphasis on current practices and techniques of ballfield maintenance and preparation.
- Methods, procedures, and equipment used for sprinkler system maintenance and repair.
- Grounds maintenance procedures including mowing, edging, raking, and weeding.
- Methods, equipment, and materials used in gardening, groundskeeping work, and applying herbicides.
- Cultivating, fertilizing, watering, and spraying of flowers, trees, and shrubs.
- Operations and maintenance of hand and power tools and equipment used in groundskeeping.
- Health and safety regulations.

Ability to:

- Perform a variety of semi-skilled, skilled, and physical labor work in the care, maintenance, and beautification of City parks, trees, landscaped areas, and recreational facilities.
- Mow, edge, water, weed, fertilize, rake, and cultivate lawns, flower beds, athletic fields, and other landscaped areas.
- Install and maintain sprinkler systems.
- Set up recreational facilities for events.
- Perform heavy physical labor.

- Understand and follow oral and written directions.
- Perform basic building maintenance activities on City buildings, parks, and recreational facilities.
- Maintain and make basic repairs to equipment.
- Maintain basic records.
- Safely operate tools and equipment related to parks and recreational facility care and maintenance.
- Maintain appropriate certifications or licenses as designated by the City of Atwater.
- Operate special equipment such as mowers, weed eaters, trucks, backhoe, ballfield equipment, and front loaders.
- Establish and maintain effective relationships with those contacted in the course of work.
- Make sound decisions and demonstrate intellectual capabilities.
- Maintain physical condition appropriate to the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities.
- Maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for making observations, communicating with others, reading, writing, and operating assigned equipment.
- Perform duties in all weather conditions and at any time as needed including nights, weekends, and holidays.
- Work independently or in a crew situation to investigate and resolve park complaints using good judgment and tact with irate citizens/customers.
- Learn and follow Department operations, policies, and procedures.

TYPICAL PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Frequently stand and walk; walk for long distances and on sloped ground and slippery and uneven surfaces; normal manual dexterity and eye-hand coordination; ability to lift material weighing over 100 lbs. with assistance; ability to bend, stoop, kneel, crawl, and crouch; corrected hearing and vision to normal range; verbal and written communication; use of hand and power tools including, but not limited to, chain saws, high lift, lawn mowers, weed eaters, rototillers, edgers, and other grounds equipment.

TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS

Work is performed outside in varying temperature, weather, and humidity conditions; work is performed in an environment with constant noise; exposure to gasses, fumes, dust, grease, and oils; exposure to moving equipment; exposure to electrical current; constant contact with staff and the public.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be age eighteen (18) by date of appointment
- Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade.
- Two (2) years of increasingly responsible work experience in parks and grounds maintenance work comparable to a Parks Maintenance Worker I with the City of Atwater; **OR** one (1) year of increasingly responsible work experience as a Parks Maintenance Worker I with the City of Atwater.

- Possession of a current State of California Pesticide Applicator certificate.
- Possession of a valid California Commercial Class “B” driver’s license with appropriate endorsements.

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