



Parks Maintenance Technician

PW-PK/2

Public Works - Parks

JOB SUMMARY

This position performs technical duties in the maintenance of city parks, cemetery, urban forest, cultural resources, nature areas, recreational path, and recreational sports fields.

MAJOR DUTIES

- Operates a variety of tools and equipment to maintain park and cemetery grounds.
- Maintains tools and equipment.
- Participates in grounds maintenance activities; installs and repairs landscaping.
- Maintains turf through watering, fertilizing, mowing, trimming, aerating, top dressing, overseeding, sod removal and installation, and soil preparation.
- Performs urban forestry duties by planting, pruning, trimming, shaping, felling, chipping, and removing trees.
- Maintains and repairs park structures and facilities; maintains athletic fields for safe and enjoyable play.
- Installs, maintains, troubleshoots, and winterizes irrigation systems.
- Installs, designs, and maintains landscaping, including flower beds, rock beds, and shrubbery; applies pesticides to control noxious weeds.
- Collects leaves, limbs, and other debris.
- Assists with special event preparation and teardown.
- Assists with cemetery operations, including locating plots, grading graves, and maintaining grounds.
- Participates in city-wide snow removal operations as needed, including removing snow from public streets, parking lots, sidewalks, and recreation paths.
- Collects litter in city parks.
- Implements upgrades to park systems; conducts daily safety inspections.
- Maintains park paths and recreational trails.

- Performs other duties as needed.
- Performs related duties.

KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED BY THE POSITION

- Knowledge of public parks maintenance methods and materials.
- Knowledge of landscaping principles and practices.
- Knowledge of urban forestry principles and practices.
- Knowledge of irrigation system installation, maintenance, troubleshooting, and repair principles.
- Knowledge of department and city policies and procedures.
- Skill in the operation of heavy equipment, including backhoe, skid steer, loaders, excavators, etc.
- Skill in the operation of a variety of grounds maintenance tools and equipment.
- Skill in the use of hand and power tools.
- Skill in oral and written communication.

SUPERVISORY CONTROLS

The Parks Superintendent assigns work in terms of general instructions. The supervisor spot-checks completed work for compliance with procedures, accuracy, and the nature and propriety of the final results.

GUIDELINES

Guidelines include the city safety manual, the personnel policy manual, 811 guidelines, ANSI 2133 standards, and department and city policies and procedures. These guidelines require judgment, selection, and interpretation in application.

COMPLEXITY/SCOPE OF WORK

- The work consists of varied technical duties. Inclement weather conditions contribute to the complexity of the position.
- The purpose of this position is to participate in the maintenance of city parks and park facilities. Successful performance helps ensure well-maintained parks for use by the public.

CONTACTS

- Contacts are typically with co-workers, contractors, vendors, and the general public.

- Contacts are typically to resolve problems, provide information, and provide services.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS/ WORK ENVIRONMENT

- The work is typically performed while intermittently sitting, standing, walking, bending, crouching or stooping. The employee frequently lifts light and heavy objects, climbs ladders, uses tools or equipment requiring a high degree of dexterity, distinguishes between shades of color, and utilizes the sense of smell.
- The work is typically performed outdoors, occasionally in cold or inclement weather. The employee may be exposed to noise, dust, dirt, grease, machinery with moving parts, and irritating chemicals. Work requires the use of specialized equipment such as masks, goggles, gloves, etc.

SUPERVISORY AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

None.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Knowledge and level of competency commonly associated with the completion of specialized training in the field of work, in addition to basic skills typically associated with a high school education.
- Sufficient experience to understand the basic principles relevant to the major duties of the position, usually associated with the completion of an apprenticeship/internship or having had a similar position for one to two years.
- Possession of or ability to readily obtain a valid commercial driver's license issued by the State of South Dakota for the type of vehicle or equipment operated.
- Possession of or ability to readily obtain a state-certified Commercial Pesticide Applicator's License.