



Josephine County, Oregon

Human Resources Office

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POSITION DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Landscape Specialist
Department: Building Operations and Maintenance
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt
Job Code: 3943
WC Code: 9015
Effective Date: April 4, 2012
Last Revised:
Pay Grade: A12
Union: AFSCME

SUMMARY

Performs landscape maintenance for County properties. Responsibilities include operating grounds keeping related equipment including mowers, trimmers, and leaf blowers; proper upkeep and repair of sidewalks; cleanliness of parking lots; maintenance of assigned equipment, fences, planters, and benches. In addition to caring for sod, plants, and trees, Landscape Specialists rake, blow and mulch leaves, clear snow/ice from walkways and parking lots, and use irrigation methods to adjust the amount of water consumption and prevent waste. Knowledge of proper planting and horticulture maintenance procedures is required. Must possess knowledge of, and the ability to apply, correct safety procedures including guidelines for proper and safe use and disposal of insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides. Work is performed under the supervision of the Building Operations and Maintenance Manager who reviews work primarily on the basis of results attained.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

(Illustrative Only. Any single position in this classification will not necessarily involve all of the listed duties below and other positions will involve duties which are not listed. These duties represent the essential functions needed of persons in this classification.)

1. Performs landscape maintenance for County properties including pruning, edging, mowing, and debris removal. Maintains a well landscaped visual appearance utilizing various power and hand tools such as chainsaws, lawn mowers, leaf blowers, clippers and trimmers.
2. Provides weed control and fertilization of lawns, shrubbery, and groundcover. Properly plants turf grass, bushes, shrubs, trees, flowers and other plants.
3. Ensures cleanliness of parking lots; keeps areas free of debris by collecting and disposing of waste.
4. Maintains and installs irrigation systems and controls; monitors watering schedules.
5. Performs routine maintenance of hand and power tools and small engine equipment used to perform tasks.
6. May provide support and assistance to other maintenance personnel by performing building related general maintenance tasks as assigned.

7. Performs all work in a safe manner, including use of ear protection, eye protection, fall protection; wearing proper clothing and shoes; guarding and safely operating equipment; and proper selection and use of ladders. Protects public from hazards by blocking work areas when necessary.
8. Plans and completes work according to specified timelines.
9. Communicates with co-workers and customers in a positive and professional manner. Applies the principal of teamwork within workgroup, encouraging and fostering the same principal throughout the department.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

This position has no supervisory duties.

QUALIFICATIONS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Considerable knowledge of lawn maintenance, shrubbery and tree pruning, application of fertilizers and herbicides; proper use, maintenance and repair of landscape tools and equipment; and safety practices and procedures is required. Must possess ability to interpret and comply with written and oral instructions; work independently and manage time efficiently; communicate effectively both verbally and in writing; and establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees and the public.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

High school graduation or equivalency and three (3) years experience in landscape maintenance; or any satisfactory combination of experience and training which demonstrates the knowledge, skills and ability to perform the above described duties.

JOB IMPACT

The most common consequence of error would involve financial loss due to personal injury by not maintaining a safe working environment.

JOB CONTACTS

Contacts are with other County department personnel and the public to resolve problems; and with suppliers to procure materials.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Ability to read and interpret documents such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions, and procedure manuals. Ability to write routine reports and correspondence.

MATHEMATICAL SKILLS

Ability to add, subtract, multiply, and divide in all units of measure, using whole numbers, common fractions, and decimals. Ability to compute rate, ratio, and percent and to draw and interpret bar graphs.

REASONING ABILITIES

Ability to apply common sense understanding to carry out detailed but uninvolved written or oral instructions. Ability to deal with problems involving a few concrete variables in standardized situations.

OTHER SKILLS AND ABILITIES

The operation of hand or power tools and equipment used in the area of responsibility.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS

Possession of or ability to obtain a valid Oregon Driver's License; safe driving record.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

Those employed in this position are subject to a background investigation, including criminal background investigation and pre-employment drug screening. Conviction of a crime may disqualify an individual for this classification. Must pass Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) security clearance.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Work is performed on County properties and related facilities. Work involves walking, lifting, bending, working in confined areas or in high locations.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

The physical requirements outlined are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Check if required for essential job function	Activity	Never 0%	Occasionally 1-33%	Frequently 34-66%	Continuous 67-100%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Standing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sitting - 1/2 hour plus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moving about work area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bending forward	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stoop position - 1 minute plus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Climbing stairs - 1 floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Crawling - hands & knees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reaching overhead	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lifting strength	# of pounds = 50LBS			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lifting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patient Lifting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lifting Overhead	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moving carts, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carry items	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dexterity/Coordination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Keyboard Operation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rapid-mental/hand/eye coord.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Operation of motor vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Speech, Vision & Hearing

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Distinguish colors	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Distinguish shades	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depth perception	Describe: Three Dimensional Vision
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ability to hear	Normal Speech Level:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Spec. Hearing Req.	Describe:

Exposure - Environmental Factors

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Heat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cold	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Humidity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wet Area/Slippery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Noise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dust	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Smoke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vibration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chemical Solutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Uneven Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ladder/Scaffold	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ionization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Radiation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Body Fluids	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>