



Job Title: Park Worker II (Arborist)

Department: Parks & Recreation

Direct Supervisor: Horticulture Supervisor

General Purpose

The Park Worker II (Arborist) performs a variety of semi-skilled work activities related to urban forestry of city parks, and properties; tree protection ordinance; as well as landscape and horticulture operations of city parks, properties, rights of ways, green spaces, and business districts.

Essential Duties

Standard

- Application of the Tree Ordinance.
- Maintains the park tree inventory including planting, pruning, protecting, and removal.
- Hazard tree recognition and assessment.
- Oversees work crews on site to achieve department project goals.
- Ability to climb trees and tie the necessary knots to safely lower trees to the ground.
- Manages crew work being performed, identifies problems and re-directs or corrects action.
- Performs as acting Horticulture Supervisor when required and for limited periods of time.
- Responsible for the upkeep and maintenance activities, in landscape beds, pots, parks, City building grounds, green spaces, right of ways, and business districts.
- Picks up, cleans and removes debris and trash from picnic areas, play areas, restrooms, parking lots and culverts.
- Performs physical labor functions as directed.
- Will mow, trim, and edge in city parks, right of ways and other municipal areas.
- Maintains lawns, trees, and landscaped areas to including, mowing, fertilizing, mulching, weed control, pruning, planting and transplanting trees/shrubs.
- Operates and maintains equipment and machinery used in park facilities maintenance and horticulture.
- Mixes and applies various pesticides.
- Drives vehicles and transports materials, equipment and tools to work sites as required.
- Assists with installing, repair and maintenance of parks and recreation equipment structures and facilities.
- Functions as an equipment operator capable of operating all parks equipment including: tractors, front loader, dump truck, broadcaster spreader, dingo utility machine, mowers etc.

- Assists with snow removal, including operating a truck with attached snowplow, spreading salt, and shoveling.
- Performs duties related to disposal of downed trees, limbs and invasive shrub debris.
- Assists with set up and clean up after City sponsored events.
- Attends and participates in training.
- Establishes and maintains effective working relationships with supervisors, co-workers, other agencies and the general public.
- Makes recommendations to improve efficiencies in processes and procedures.
- Functions in an on call status.
- Ability to maintain all certifications needed for the position.
- Ability to perform all the duties of a Park Worker I.
- All other duties as assigned.

Education, Experience & Training for Performing Essential Functions

Minimum of a High school diploma/GED required. Basic knowledge of computer MS Office software. Minimum of three years work demonstrating increased skills and responsibilities in forestry, arboriculture, landscape and horticulture operations of city parks, property, right of ways, green spaces, and business districts; including tree climbing. Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of tree maintenance and arboriculture. Thorough knowledge of pesticides and their application. Knowledge of tools, materials, and practices of landscape maintenance and urban forestry. Knowledge of work hazards and safety precautions. Knowledge of irrigations systems and maintenance. Required Certifications: International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist; Missouri certified commercial applicator or public operator pesticide license; valid Commercial Drivers License or must be able to obtain with 90 days of hire. Preferred certifications include: Associates Degree in Forestry, Horticulture, or Certified Playground Safety Inspector.

Work Environment and Physical Demands

Ability to work overtime including weekends and holidays when needed. Frequently assumes positions of stooping, kneeling, crawling, crouching, squatting, twisting and climbing. Ability to sit, stand and walk. Ability to use hands and arms to reach and lift as coordinated or independent functions. Perform heavy manual labor. Exert physical strength necessary to operate all equipment used in daily departmental activities. Lift 50 pounds on a normal basis. Outdoor weather conditions. Exposure to pesticides, chemicals, loud noises, electrical hazards, dust.

A job description is written to describe work to be performed by the ideal candidate. A less qualified individual may fill the position on the condition that, with training, they will fully meet responsibilities and skills within a reasonable period of time.