

JOB DESCRIPTION

WATER SYSTEM UTILITY WORKER

NATURE OF WORK

This is a skilled position within the Marion Water Department. Duties include the safe and efficient operation of equipment and under direct supervision perform manual construction related labor as necessary for the overall installation and maintenance of the public water main system.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT CLASSIFICATION

In accordance with Federal Fair Labor Standards Act requirements, this position has been classified as non-exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act. This position will be paid overtime.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Use of assorted power and hand tools used for excavation, installation, and maintenance of the distribution and water plant systems of the Water Department

Clean and flush water main pipes, install and repair water mains, fire hydrants and water valves and related structures.

Assists in making water service taps; assists with meter service and installation; assists in building and grounds maintenance projects; assists in performing underground locating service needs; and assists in meter reading as required.

Repair and restore street patches, sidewalks, driveways, and parking areas due to water main breaks.

Performs snow removal activities including plowing, blowing and hauling of snow; hand shoveling; applying chemicals and abrasives to pedestrian walk ways and travel areas.

Performs routine equipment maintenance including lubrication, changing filters, cleaning of filters, minor mechanical adjustments, and washing.

Clears brush, foliage, and other obstructions; mows and trims grass, trim trees and perform other related tasks as required. Employee may also plant and assist in maintenance of new trees and shrubs.

Performs work related to the hauling of sand, dirt, and gravel material for leak hole repairs.

Assists in the cleaning, painting and related housekeeping duties for the overall general up keep and maintenance of system facilities.

Perform related work as required.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Knowledge of traffic laws and regulations governing automotive equipment operation.

Ability to operate and perform routine maintenance of trucks up to 20 ton G.V.W., rubber tire back hoes, lawn mowers, skid steers, and other related equipment.

Physical ability to climb and work at heights up to 120 feet desirable.

Knowledge of the component parts, operating principles, and maintenance needs of construction and maintenance equipment and power tools.

Knowledge of occupational hazards and safety precautions.

Knowledge of the city's geography.

Ability to understand and implement oral and written instructions.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with fellow employees and the general public.

Ability to prepare required records and reports.

Physical strengths and agility to operate heavy equipment and power tools under adverse weather conditions.

Ability to perform strenuous work outdoors for an extended period of time under all weather conditions.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Ability to work long hours outdoors. Ability to work evenings and weekends, occasionally, under adverse weather conditions.

Ability to read, speak, write and understand English to communicate effectively with fellow employees, contractors and the general public by telephone, two-way radio, written format and in person.

Ability to operate a variety of department's motor and power equipment including trucks, backhoes, skid steers and other related equipment.

Ability to perform a variety of physical labor activities as needed including using a variety of hand power tools, stooping, bending and climbing.

Ability to lift up to 75 pounds at one time and ability for repetitive lifting of up to 50 pounds.

Ability to shovel material and work in excavated trenches in normal and adverse weather conditions.

Ability to climb using ladders to perform various duties including but not limited to trimming trees, inspection and minor repair on ground storage and elevated water tanks.

Ability to traverse variable terrain conditions not accessible by vehicle including but not limited to steep slopes, unlevel grades and vegetated areas.

Ability to work long hours outdoors, occasionally under adverse weather conditions.

Ability to work alone to complete necessary duties as assigned.

Must not pose a direct threat to the health or safety of other individuals in the work place or citizens encountered while working.

Minimum Education, Training and Experience:

Graduation from High School or an equivalent, experience in equipment operation and routine maintenance of trucks and related construction equipment

Possession of or ability to obtain at minimum an Iowa Class B CDL Vehicle Operator's License. Class A CDL preferred.

Ability to pass a pre-employment background check and random drug testing.

Possession of or ability to obtain Iowa Grade I Water Treatment Plant Operator and Water Distribution Operator Licenses is required within 2 years of employment.

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