

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT OPERATOR

City of Newton, Iowa | Utilities Department

Starting Pay: \$31.30–\$37.60 per hour, depending on IDNR certification. For example, a Grade 2 Operator starts at \$37.30 per hour.

The City of Newton is seeking a dependable, motivated individual to join our Utilities Department as a Water Pollution Control Plant Operator. An Iowa DNR wastewater operator certification of Grade 2 or higher is preferred. Candidates who do not currently hold the required certification may be considered if they possess relevant industry experience, specialized skills, and/or postsecondary education that supports eligibility for certification. The selected candidate must obtain the required Grade 2 certification within 3 years.

Class B Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with air brakes is required. The position is subject to the Department of Transportation drug and alcohol testing program.

If you have experience in wastewater treatment, mechanical or electrical maintenance, plumbing, or a related field, this is an opportunity to put your skills to work serving the Newton community.

As a member of our Water Pollution Control team, you will help protect public health and the environment by supporting the safe and efficient operation of the City's wastewater treatment plant and collection system.

WHAT YOU'LL DO

- Operate and monitor wastewater treatment facilities, pumps, valves, gauges, control panels, and related systems; recognize abnormal operating conditions and make process adjustments as needed.
- Collect wastewater and sludge samples, perform routine laboratory testing and calculations, and use results to support treatment-process control.
- Perform preventive maintenance, troubleshoot equipment, and complete mechanical repairs on treatment equipment and related systems.
- Maintain accurate operating logs, sampling and testing records, and equipment maintenance documentation to support plant operations and applicable IDNR permit and regulatory requirements.
- Assist with operation, inspection, and maintenance of collection-system facilities, including sewer lines, interceptors, pump stations, lift stations, and equalization basins, as assigned.
- Follow applicable safety procedures for wastewater and chemical exposure, equipment hazards, lockout/tagout, electrical hazards, fall protection, and confined-space work, as applicable to assigned duties.
- Participate in the assigned rotating on-call schedule and respond to emergency call-ins outside of regular working hours. The current rotation requires Operators to be on call

approximately once every six weeks, including working four hours on Saturday and four hours on Sunday in exchange for a scheduled Monday off. A response time of 30 minutes is required when on-call. Emergency call-ins may require overtime and may include providing assistance to the Operator assigned to on-call duty. When not assigned to on-call duty, Operators generally work Monday through Friday.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- High school diploma or GED.
- Mechanical aptitude, problem-solving skills, and the ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Knowledge of wastewater treatment processes, mechanical equipment, basic laboratory procedures, safety practices, computer-based monitoring systems, and the ability to interpret readings and recognize abnormal operating conditions.
- Ability to perform the physical tasks associated with assigned duties, which may include lifting and moving tools, equipment components, pumps, and maintenance supplies; climbing stairs and ladders; bending, kneeling, reaching, and working outdoors in varying weather conditions. Physical demands vary with the task.

BENEFITS

The City of Newton offers a benefits package that includes:

- Health insurance
- Dental insurance
- Vision insurance
- Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS)
- Paid leave
- Paid holidays

HOW TO APPLY

Apply online through the City of Newton's Employment Opportunities page.

Application Deadline: November 2, 2026.

Apply Online: <https://bit.ly/city-of-newton-jobs>

Join the City of Newton Utilities Department and make a difference in your community!

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