



## Landscape Maintenance Worker I

Department/Division:	Parks and Recreation
Reports To:	Landscape Maintenance Supervisor
Provides Direction To:	None
Date Updated	July 18, 2022

### GENERAL PURPOSE

Under general supervision, performs semi-skilled tasks for the planning, maintenance, and care of landscaped areas, including parks, parkways, medians, recreational areas, and open spaces; and performs other related duties as required.

### DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

The Landscape Maintenance Worker is distinguished from the Landscape Maintenance Supervisor who has more specialized knowledge of arborist and horticulture practices, and who prioritizes and provides direction supervision of work crews.

### ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The duties listed below are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to this position.

1. Inspects, adjusts, and maintains irrigation systems, including clocks, controllers, and automatic systems; reads blueprints to locate pipes, valves, time clocks and sprinkler heads.
2. Propagates seeds, plants, bulbs, cuttings, trees, turf, shrubs and nursery stock; braces cables, prepares soil, and monitors growth given watering cycle and growth rates.
3. Prepares and applies pesticides, insecticides, fertilizers and other plant pest and disease eradication and control chemicals.
4. Grades, drags, lines, and waters ball diamonds and cleans and replaces mounds and bases; lays out and maintains baseball, softball, football, and soccer fields, and basketball and tennis courts.
5. Operates grounds keeping equipment, including lawnmowers, edgers, hedge trimmers, groomers, trucks and tractors. Mows, edges, sweeps and rakes public park and recreation areas.

6. Performs minor mechanical adjustments and preventive maintenance and repairs of tools and equipment, conducts daily inspection of vehicles and safety hazards and reports needed repairs.
7. Performs park and playground inspections and reports deficiencies; adjusts and repairs play equipment.
8. Operates a variety of equipment such as aerial lift truck, mowers, skip loaders, backhoes, chain saws, weed eaters, pressure washer, chipper, trencher, and tractors with attachments such as fertilizers, aerifiers and seeders.
9. Prepares and coordinates use of facilities for public and recreation events.
10. Performs minor carpentry, plumbing, painting, and electrical work in maintaining restroom facilities and parks structures and vandalism and graffiti problems.
11. Performs custodial duties in maintaining park structures, benches, restrooms and other public facilities.
12. Serves on call and responds to emergency situations and maintenance needs and may work extended hours on weekdays and weekends.

## **QUALIFICATIONS GUIDELINES**

### **Knowledge of:**

Automated and manual irrigation systems and components including use of back-flow prevention devices; plumbing and pipe fitting techniques, tools, materials and installation, maintenance and troubleshooting methods; basic tools, materials, equipment and procedures used in parks and grounds maintenance work; care, cultivation, propagation, and maintenance of trees, shrubs, flowers and plants; plant pests and diseases and control techniques; safe work practices; basic carpentry, painting, plumbing and electrical work.

### **Ability to:**

Read and interpret irrigation and landscape blueprints and specifications; analyze and resolve irrigation problems in the field; perform heavy manual labor; perform a wide variety of gardening, park, grounds maintenance and building maintenance work; properly layout and maintain sports fields; utilize hand and power tools in performing carpentry, plumbing, painting, electrical and grounds maintenance work; repair, install and maintain sprinkler systems and make minor repairs and adjustments in assigned equipment; work effectively with minimal supervision; and establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with others.

### **Education/Training/Experience:**

Any combination equivalent to experience and education that could likely provide the required knowledge and abilities. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

**Education:** Graduation from high school or equivalent.

**Experience:** One year of experience in park maintenance, sports field maintenance, grounds keeping or general maintenance work is required. Additional irrigation systems experience and specialized assignments is desirable.

**Licenses/Certificates/Special Requirements:**

A valid Class C California driver's license, acceptable driving record, and proof of insurance in compliance with the City's Vehicle Insurance Policy standards.

A current Backflow Prevention Device Testers certificate issued by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Cross-Connection & Water Pollution Control Program, is desirable.

A State of California Qualified Applicator certificate is desirable.

A Certified Playground Safety Inspector license is desirable.

**PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DEMANDS**

The physical and mental demands described here are representative of those that must be met by employees to successfully perform the essential functions of this class. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

**Physical Demands**

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to use hands to finger, handle, feel or operate objects, tools, or controls and reach with hands and arms. The employee frequently is required to stand and talk or hear; walk; sit; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl.

The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 50 pounds and occasionally lift and move materials, tools and equipment weighing up to 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

**Mental Demands**

While performing the duties of this class, employees are regularly required to use written and oral communication skills; read and interpret documents; analyze and solve problems; use math and mathematical reasoning; observe and interpret situations; learn and apply new information or new skills; and interact with City staff, vendors and contractors, and the general public.

**WORK ENVIRONMENT**

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this class. Reasonable

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The employee regularly works in outside weather conditions. The employee frequently works near moving mechanical parts, and is exposed to traffic, wet or humid conditions, and vibration. The employee occasionally works in high, precarious places and is exposed to fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, and risk of electrical shock. The noise level is frequently loud and over 85 decibels given the operation of power tools, chippers and grinders. The employee utilizes Personal Protective Equipment.

The employee is exposed to cleaning chemicals and agents, including pesticides as well as greases and oils.