

CLASS TITLE: LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Class Code: 02230200
Pay Grade: 16A
EO: C

CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: To perform technical and skilled work relating to a landscape maintenance program in the statewide highway system; to be responsible for the maintenance of equipment, the application of pesticides, and the utilization of plants used to beautify median strips, slope coverages and roadsides; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the general supervision of a superior with considerable latitude for the use of independent judgement in the application of the practices and techniques of the trade; work is reviewed usually upon completion.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: May lay out, assign, supervise and review the work of subordinates assigned to assist in a statewide roadside landscape maintenance program.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

To perform technical and skilled work relating to a landscape maintenance program in the statewide highway system.

May be responsible for the supervision of subordinates engaged in cleaning and maintaining roadside, landscape planting, including transplanting shrubs or trees, pruning trees, tree stump removal, weeding, spraying, fertilizing, rolling and sodding slopes, and mowing grass.

To be responsible for the maintenance of shrubbery and other plants used to beautify median strips, slope coverages and roadsides.

To supervise maintenance subordinates in special roadside projects such as selective tree and shrubbery thinning and appropriate herbicide application procedures dealing with native flora.

To recommend landscape planting for roadside improvements and erosion control, including grading, filling, sloping, seeding and sodding.

To be responsible for explaining landscape maintenance policies and plans to subordinates.

To inspect trees, shrubs and grass planting and other landscape work done by private vendors to insure that the work has been done according to specifications.

To make field investigations for the purpose of detecting roadside trees which should be removed or trimmed.

To submit reports as to progress of the work in landscape maintenance projects.

As required, to assist during emergency operations.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A working knowledge of acceptable roadside landscape maintenance methods, practices and techniques and the ability to apply such methods, practices and techniques, including the safe use of appropriate equipment; a working knowledge of arboriculture, turf maintenance and safe use of herbicides; a working knowledge of the methods commonly used in the eradication of insect pests and diseases of ornamental plants; the ability to lay out, coordinate and supervise the work of unskilled personnel; the ability to direct proper seeding, sodding and fertilizing methods and practices; the ability to keep records and prepare written reports; the ability to follow oral and written instructions; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a senior high school; and

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: considerable employment in public agency or in private industry involving arboriculture or landscape maintenance at a technical level.

Or, any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: At the time of appointment must be a licensed standard Arborist and a Pesticide Applicator as regulated by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and must maintain such in good standing; also must possess and maintain a valid Rhode Island Commercial Driver's License, CDL Class B.

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