

CLASS TITLE:

SENIOR GARDENER

Class Code: 02745300
Pay Grade: 13G
EO: H

CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: To plan, supervise and participate in landscape gardening work or gardening work in a greenhouse at a state institution or other state owned property; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Work is assigned in general terms by a superior and is reviewed on completion for satisfactory results; makes own decisions as to technical means to be used to achieve desired results.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Supervises the work of one or more gardeners and assistants engaged in gardening work, giving instructions in detail and reviewing work in process and upon completion.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

To plan, supervise, and participate in landscape gardening work or gardening work in a greenhouse at a state institution or other state owned property involving such duties as:

- seeding, mowing, rolling, grading, fertilizing and watering of lawns;
- propagating, planting, transplanting and cultivating of shrubs, trees, decorative plants, flowers or vegetables;
- controlling insect pests and plant diseases through the use of special equipment and materials, such as spraying apparatus and insecticides;
- cleaning, painting, minor repairs and routine maintenance of gardening equipment and tools;
- the general maintenance of a greenhouse structure and appurtenances.

To requisition gardening equipment, supplies and materials.

To regulate the ventilation, temperature and humidity within a greenhouse.

During the off season, when not required to perform Senior Gardener duties, to supervise the work of subordinates engaged in: assisting skilled or building maintenance workers; or, performing watchman or miscellaneous custodial duties; or, performing general labor work including snow removal from walks, sanding walks, etc.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A thorough knowledge of the practices and techniques of landscape gardening and of plant propagation; a thorough knowledge of the practices and techniques involved in the control of insects and plant diseases common to Rhode Island and the ability to apply such practices and techniques; the ability to lay out and cultivate flower beds and care for lawns, shrubs and trees; the ability to control temperature, ventilation and humidity in a greenhouse; the ability to understand and carry out written or oral instructions; the ability to supervise and review the work of gardeners; the ability to use and make minor repairs to gardening tools and equipment; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: completion of ten school grades; and

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: employment as a gardener in landscape gardening or greenhouse work.

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 physically qualified to perform assigned duties as evidenced by a physician's certificate.

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