

LEAD GARDENER

CLASS SUMMARY

Under general supervision – coordinates, supervises, inspects and participates in the work of crews engaged in gardening and grounds keeping activities; performs related duties.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES

Coordinates, supervises, inspects and participates in the work of gardening and grounds keeping crews engaged in the care of all District landscaped areas; plants and cultivates trees, grass, flowers, and shrubs, and sprays for the control of pests and plant diseases; maintains landscaped areas; cuts and edges lawns and borders; uses fertilizer as needed; sets up portable pipes for watering athletic fields; does some hand watering; prepares soil for various kinds of planting; seeds new lawns; operates power lawn mowers, sprayers, trucks, skip loaders, and tractors; maintains and cleans mowing equipment; installs and maintains sprinkler systems; prepares stadium and field for athletic games and cleans and repairs fields and facilities following events; assists in moving and arranging furniture and equipment for special events; performs other grounds keeping and maintenance duties as required and assigned, such as installing and maintaining fences, repairing black-top, cement work, and repairs to pipe-lines.

ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

This class reports to the Plant Manager and is responsible for leading a small crew of Gardener/Utility Workers. This is a working lead position.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS GUIDE

Training and Experience

Two years of gardening or grounds keeping experience.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: the characteristics of common plants, flowers, shrubs, trees, and grasses; fertilizers and proper fertilizing methods; gardening materials, tools, and equipment, and their use and care; sprinkler systems and tools and equipment used in their maintenance and repair; arithmetic; principles of supervision.

Ability to: follow oral and written directions; work cooperatively with instructors, students, and others; keep simple records; train and supervise the work of others.

License: valid California Motor Vehicle Operator's License.

Physical Requirements: performs more strenuous physical work including heavy lifting.