

**CITY OF SALEM
PARKS TECHNICIAN**

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NATURE OF WORK

This is responsible technical work in one or more areas involving park, arborcultural landscape maintenance, repair and construction activities.

Work involves responsibility for performing technical work in one or more arborcultural, horticultural and park facility functions relating to public open spaces, parks and rights of way. This classification is distinguished from the maintenance series by the greater amount of technical knowledge, skill, ability, independent action required, and by the requirement for planning and assigning work to others. It is distinguished from the Parks Foreman classifications by the limited nature of the leadworker and supervisory responsibilities. General supervision is received from an administrative supervisor in the form of desired results, with latitude given for independent judgment to be used in achieving those results.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK

(Any single position of class will not usually involve all of the duties listed and many positions will involve duties which are not listed.)

Plans for and acquires materials and equipment needed for each day's work. Estimates of materials, labor, and equipment required. Assigns materials, equipment, and job tasks to others. Participates in work with employees, non-City organizations and citizen groups. Coordinates and/or supervises volunteer assistance and construction projects. Checks employee time cards for accuracy and completeness. Projects may include, but are not limited to, maintenance/repair activities, installing irrigation and drainage systems, installing play equipment and signs, planting lawns, trees and shrubs.

Makes public contacts with concerned public or business owners about tree problems, vision hazards, and neighborhood planning projects. Reviews construction plans for landscape and vision hazards, recommends appropriate alternatives to plan designs. Responds to issues concerning public right-of-way. Investigates and assists in resolution of street tree complaints and action requests.

Assists in the development and maintenance of arborcultural and horticultural planting plans and inventories. Provides construction facility and maintenance contract inspections.

Prepares as-builts drawings of location of installed physical components.

Performs related work as required.

WORK QUALIFICATIONS

Experience in park and landscape maintenance, repair or park construction of progressively responsible nature, preferably with some leadworker experience; two years of college level or technical training course work in park and landscape maintenance, landscape architecture, horticulture, arboriculture or closely related field, or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the following knowledges, skills, and abilities:

Considerable knowledge of the methods, materials, tools, and practices used in the maintenance, repair, and construction of parks and related facilities.

Considerable knowledge of the proper and safe use of automotive and power equipment used in the work.

Knowledge of the occupational hazards and safety precautions related to the work.

Knowledge of plant and chemical identification, site preparation, planting, cultivating, and irrigation installation.

Considerable ability to make material and personnel estimates, interpret plans and specifications, keep records and make reports.

Considerable ability to plan and direct the work of a small group of employees.

Skill in the use of modern office equipment and in the operation of equipment and tools related to landscape management and irrigation systems.

Physical strength and agility sufficient to do strenuous labor tasks under varying weather conditions.

Possession of valid Oregon Class III driver's license and ability to meet City driving standards.

Personnel Director