

PUBLIC WORKS TECHNICIAN I

General Statement of Duties

Performs a variety of semi-skilled, skilled, and manual labor work for the public works department, in the repair and installation of town water and sewer lines and streets.

Distinguishing Features of Work

An employee in this class performs various unskilled and semi-skilled work in the repair and construction of water and sewer lines and streets. Work is routine, involving the use of skills acquired by experience or on-the-job instruction. Work requires more than usual physical strength and endurance. A Public Works Technician I normally works with a higher skilled technician in performing repair and construction work. Work is performed under the supervision of the Public Works Director who issues oral work orders and inspects work frequently. The Public Works Technician I classification is considered non-exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Illustrative Examples of Work

- Digs holes and trenches, places pipes in ditches and makes connections; covers holes and trenches with dirt and tamps or rolls.
- Makes new taps on water and sewer lines; repairs damaged lines; constructs storm drains, lays block and brick, and performs maintenance on them.
- Patches streets using “asphalt”, concrete, and other materials.
- Mows grass and cleans around buildings.
- Digs and braces sewer and water lines and ditches.
- Loads trucks with soil, broken pavement, stones, and trash
- Loads and unloads tools, materials and equipment. Spreads rock, gravel and tar in patching streets. Pours concrete and works with asphalt.
- Works with other employees in making water and sewer taps and repairs to lines.
- Drives various trucks; substitutes as sanitation equipment operator and sanitation collector.
- Performs related work as assigned.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Some knowledge of a variety of unskilled maintenance and manual tasks.
- Some knowledge of tools and equipment used in maintenance work.
- Ability to understand and follow oral instructions.
- Ability to perform heavy manual work for an extended period under varying weather conditions.

Working Conditions and Physical Demands of Work

Work in this class is described as heavy and usually requires continuous physical exertion to complete tasks. This employee must have the visual acuity to determine the accuracy, neatness, and thoroughness of work assigned. Working conditions include inside and outside environmental conditions. Employee is subject to hazards, including mechanical equipment and atmospheric conditions due to exposure to fumes, odors, and dusts. This employee may work in close quarters, crawl space, shafts, man holes, small enclosures, small sewage and water line pipes, and other areas which could cause claustrophobia.

Desirable Experience and Training

Any combination of experience and training which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities.

Special Requirement

Possession of a valid state issued Driver License.

Must obtain CDL within probation period