Seasonal Gardener

Division/Department: Operations/Facilities & Equipment Department
Reports to: Facilities & Equipment Department Manager
Location: Berthoud, CO
Type of Position: 24 - 40 hours per week
Status: Non-exempt
Salary Range: $18.00 - $22.00

GENERAL STATEMENT
This seasonal position performs various maintenance functions on gardens and flower beds, facilities, and grounds. Completion of assigned tasks may vary.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
• Performs landscape care, flower and shrub pruning, weeding and small design upgrades.
• Selects replacement foliage, plants shrubs, grasses, trees, and flowers with appropriate approval.
• Controls weeds and trash in garden areas and landscaping.
• Cares for indoor plants.
• Operates trimmers, blowers, utility carts, or other assigned power equipment.
• Attends safety meetings.
• Maintains good relationships with employees, public, and outside contractors.
• Communicates problems immediately to the Facilities and Equipment Department Manager.

OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
• Performs other duties as assigned.
• Access facilities in a vehicle over unimproved roads in the rain or other weather in a safe and responsible manner.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Education
• Education equivalent to the 12th grade or above.

Experience
A minimum of two years’ work experience in plant care and grounds landscape maintenance. Plants may include annuals, herbaceous perennial, woody plants, etc. Experience working with the public; OR a combination of training and qualifying experience. Examples of qualifying experience include landscaping, flower and plant care, yard and garden maintenance, or labor in a ground’s environment.
LICENSE, CERTIFICATE AND CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Must possess a valid driver’s license.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Knowledge of plants, grounds, landscape, and irrigation systems maintenance.
- Basic arithmetic functions such as addition, subtraction, division, and multiplication.
- Correct use of equipment and tools used in maintaining facilities, grounds, and landscape.
- Organize and schedule workload to accomplish daily tasks.
- Communicate verbally with supervisors, the public, and employees.
- Reads, interprets, and applies written and oral instruction in the performance of job tasks.
- Create and maintain positive working relationships with the public, water users, and other employees.
- Physically perform the critical tasks described.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Uses safety/protective devices provided by Northern Water in the performance of all tasks. Examples of devices/equipment include safety glasses, hearing protectors, hats, etc.
- Bend to pick up stones, debris, and brush.
- Pull weeds, shovel, and sweep.
- Lift and carry up to 30 pounds daily.
- Walk over uneven terrain.
- Stand on concrete floors, blacktop, ditch banks, and steep slopes with safety protection, daily to perform maintenance duties.
- Grip power tools, shovels, rakes, hand tools, hoses, and other equipment.
- Back vehicles and turn equipment around in confined spaces.
- Work in a dusty environment with appropriate safety equipment.
- Work outside among pollen and varied temperatures.
- Must be able to meet the physical requirements of a post job offer physical examination.

Reasonable accommodations will be made to enable qualified individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of the job.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- May require a variable time schedule.
- Maintains a personal appearance appropriate for job position and image of Northern Water.

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