

PARK CARETAKER

Definition:

Under general supervision, performs routine maintenance of park facilities, including lawns and other landscaped areas in addition to a variety of semi-skilled work in the construction and maintenance of buildings, grounds and equipment; performs a variety of tasks in the maintenance and operation of recreational facilities; provides general information to the public; and to do related work as required.

Distinguishing Characteristics

This classification is distinguished by its responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of park facilities in addition to the surrounding grounds in park settings. Typically, incumbents perform a combination of tasks from both the Groundskeeper and Maintenance Worker classifications. Historically, incumbents have been on-site residents. Incumbents may work irregular hours, including evenings, weekends, holidays, and be willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions, as assigned.

Incumbents are fully trained and perform routine park maintenance, work independently with a minimum of supervision, and exercise sound judgment and initiative in carrying out assignments.

Essential Functions:

- Maintains all aspects of park facilities including park, turf and garden areas.
- Maintains park visitor restrooms.
- Irrigates, repairs and maintains irrigation systems.
- Makes building and park grounds repairs involving plumbing, irrigation systems, painting, carpentry and simple electrical work.
- Maintains park playground equipment, picnic tables and other park items.
- Operates and performs routine maintenance on power equipment, light motorized equipment, and snow removal equipment.
- Operates a variety of hand tools and practices standard safety practices.
- Explains and interprets general park information to park visitors regarding recreational facilities and camping.
- Receives and registers the public and collects fees for recreational use.
- Performs rescue work, makes reports and investigates accidents of park visitors.
- Maintains park barbecue pits/
- Checks buildings, equipment and park grounds to locate conditions indicating the need for repair and maintenance; and submits work orders for tasks beyond their ability to perform.
- Maintains, operates and makes minor repairs on pipelines, pumps and pressure tanks.
- Applies insecticides and herbicides using a garden sprayer.
- Performs other job-related duties as required.

Employment Standards:

Two (2) years of experience in park, grounds and building maintenance work to provide the required knowledge and abilities of the practices, tools, equipment and materials used in gardening and maintenance work.

Possession of a valid California Class "C" Driver's License is required at the time of appointment. Depending upon assignment, a California Class "B" Driver's License may be required.

Knowledge of: the basic principles of operation of a gasoline powered engine; standard equipment safety practices; the application of insecticides and herbicides; good public relations practices; procedures for collecting, receipting, and accounting for money.

Ability to: make arithmetical calculations; read and follow instructions as written in equipment manuals; understand and follow oral instructions; write brief reports and job order requests; recognize unsafe equipment and unsafe conditions; recognize the need for watering and determine the amount of water required; lift or move heavy objects; use hand tools utilized in the building trades; estimate time and materials needed to perform jobs; operate equipment which requires the shifting of gears; and establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees and the public.

A background check may be conducted for this classification.

All Kern County employees are designated "Disaster Service Workers" through state and local laws (CA Government Code Sec.3100-3109 and Ordinance Code Title 2-Administration, Ch. 2.66 Emergency Services). As Disaster Service Workers, all County employees are expected to remain at work, or to report for work as soon as practicable, following a significant emergency or disaster.